

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD REPORT
☒ RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD ☐ NEW STATE RECORD

C. CHASE - CFO 28-85-8
CFO-ORC FILE # A

Species: BOREAL OWL (Vernacular Name) (Aegolius funereus) (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): MARCH 17, 1985 Time Bird Seen: HEARD 8:40 to 8:45
9:20 to 9:35

Locality: WOLF CREEK PASS - SNOWSHED AREA TO 2 MILES BELOW IT.

Nearest Town: SOUTH FORK, COLORADO County: MINERAL CO.

Other observers who identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

NONE

Optical Equipment: N.A.

Light Conditions: STARRY, NEW MOON

Distance from Bird (how measured): FIRST BIRD - 250-300 YDS; 2ND BIRD - 100'

Number of Birds Seen: 2 Sex: MALES Plumage: N.A.

Overall Appearance and Size:

N.A.

Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field):

Bill (shape and color): N.A. THIS IS A VOICE IDENTIFICATION

Legs (shape and color):

Crown and Forehead: Eye (color):

Nape: Face: Throat:

Breast and Sides:

Belly and Flanks:

Undertail Coverts:

Back:

Wings:

Underwings:

Rump: Uppertail Coverts:

Upper Side of Tail:

Under Side of Tail:

Shape of Tail:

Voice: AT SNOWSHED BELOW WOLF CREEK PASS. AFTER PLAYING TAPED BOREAL CALL, I WAS ABOUT TO ENTER CAR, WHEN ONE BOREAL RESPONDED

BEHAVIOR: ACROSS THE CANYON I DISTINCTLY HEARD IT FOR 5 MINUTES, LATER

HABITAT: ABOUT 1.5 TO 2 MI. BELOW THAT POINT. AT 9:20, ONE BOREAL GAVE

HABITAT: EEE OCH CALL, THEN WENT INTO TYPICAL STACCATO SERIES OF WHISTLES

Prior Experience with this Species:

HAVE PHOTOGRAPHED THEM AT SLUMGULLION PASS; CAMERON PASS WITH
DAVE PALMER. NO LESS THAN 20 OBSERVATIONS; NO LESS THAN 50
STACCATO WHISTLES SONGS HEARD IN PAST YEAR.

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated?

COMMON SNIPE: THIS BIRD SOUNDS MORE "NASAL" THAN BOREAL
OWLS CALL. (I DON'T THINK THE WORD "METALLIC"
IS GOOD ENOUGH TO DESCRIBE THE DIFFERENCE)

("EEE-OCH" CALL ALONE IS NOT CONCLUSIVE, SINCE I
SAW WHISTLES MAKE SIMILAR SOUNDS.

This Report was Written From: Notes made during ~~28~~ after ☒ observation; ☐ Memory

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HABITAT: Picea engelmannii - Vaccinium habitat type

THIS ~~AT~~ CALL DOCUMENTATION DOES INDEED IMPLY MORE CONTINUITY TO THE BOREAL OWL POPULATION IN SOUTHERN COLORADO. UNTIL NOW, THE SLUMGULLION POPULATION APPEARED RATHER "ISOLATED" WITH ONLY FEW DOCUMENTED RECORDS BETWEEN SLUMGULLION AREA, + KNOWN BREEDING POPULATIONS STUDIED BY RYDER + PALMER. THIS DOCUMENTATION IMPLIES THAT BOREAL OWL IN THE SOUTHERN COLORADO ROCKIES IS WIDER SPREAD THAN ORIGINALLY BELIEVED.

I BELIEVE SOME WILL SOON BE DOCUMENTED IN NEW MEXICO IN TIME.

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