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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐

UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

CFO-ORC FILE #

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Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: BOREAL OWL | AEOLIOS FUNEREUS
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

Date(s): 20 FEBRUARY 1987

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: MALE Plumage: _____

Locality: 0177 SUMMIT COUNTY ROAD #528, ABOUT 3 1/2 MILES EAST OF BRECKENRIDGE OFF BOREAS PASS ROAD Elevation: 10,300 feet

Nearest town: BRECKENRIDGE, CO County: SUMMIT

Time(s) observed: ABOUT 11:00 P.M.

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 10 MINUTES +

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Kim + Pam NOTCH
1507 RIFLEBOARD

FAIRBANKS, AK 99701 (907)-457-2166

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

N/A

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

DARK WITH BACKGROUND LIGHT FROM CABIN. WE SHONE A POWERFUL FLASHLIGHT ON THE OWL AS WELL.

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): NONE

Distance, and how measured: 10-25 feet, estimated (3-9 m)

If photographed, type of equipment and film: N/A

Who else photographed the bird? N/A

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

BIRD WAS CALLING (AFTER I HAD PLAYED A ♂ COURTSHIP SONG ON TAPE), THEN FLEW TO US AS I PLAYED THE TAPE AGAIN. IT HOVERED ABOUT 2m AWAY, THEN SAT IN A TREE ~ 3m AWAY. IT MOVED TO A TREE ~ 9m AWAY + STAYED AT LEAST 10 MINUTES.

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observe in the field:

THE OWL WAS ABOUT 9 or 10 inches LONG + HAD A ~~WHITE~~ WHITE FACE RINGED WITH BLACK. I AM IDENTIFYING IT PRIMARILY BY ITS CALL, HOWEVER, AND ITS RESPONSE TO MY TAPED CALL.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): A SERIES OF SHORT WHISTLES

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

SERVICE/FIR FOREST WITH SOME WILLOWY OPENINGS ALONG THE CREEK BOTTOMS

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

IT WAS THE CALL OF THE BOREAL

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

I HAVE ONLY HEARD BOREAL OWLS PREVIOUSLY, UP ON CAMERON PASS (W. OF FT. COLLINS) AND AT THIS SAME LOCATION (BREKENRIDGE) IN 1984.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: USED A RECORDING OF THE ♂ BOREAL COURTSHIP CALL.

b) after observation: GOLDEN GUIDE TO BIRDS OF N. AMERICA

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____ from memory X
Date and time report was written: 7 MARCH 87, 1100

Reporting observer: MARK MASTEUR Signature: Mark Masteur

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