

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☒UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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

Species: Carolina Wren / Thryothorus ludovicianus
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 12/12, 1990, 3, 4, 7, 31 , 1/13/1991 (not after)Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: unk Plumage: adultLatilong: 11 Distribution Code: _____ Habitat Code: _____Locality: Golden (1619 Ford Street) Elevation: 5700'Nearest town: Golden County: _____Time(s) observed: on 7 different days, many looksDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): Many good looksOther observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers): Peter Gent, Dick Schotler, Bob Spencer, Joe Roller, Dan Bridges

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

unknown (put on Rare bird report)

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

allOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): naked eye, 10x40 binocularsDistance and how measured: as close as 8' from kitchen window at suet feeder.If photographed, type of equipment and film: tried, film did not turn outWho else photographed the bird: No one.

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

Feeding on sunflower seeds and suet, popping in + out of Brush piles, flying

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 observed in the field:

A large wren almost as large as a junco. A rich rusty brown above, unicolor except for fine black bars on wings (not seen without binoculars unless very close. A prominent white line above eye, extending well behind eye, and broadening at back. Clear buffy orange on sides, throat whitish. Bill very long.

Description (continued): decurved and stout. Shortish tail not cocked
ever. Did see it wag tail side-to-side one time. Nerves bared in
a restricted area on undertail black + whitish.

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

Did not sing, but chattered like a House wren briefly from woodpile,
lower + fuller chatter.

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

old urban neighborhood with mature trees, numerous shrubs +
some wood + brush piles.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Solid back + restricted white throat eliminate Canyon, unstreaked belly
eliminates Rock. Size + habitat eliminate House Wren, Sedge, marsh, Rich coloration eliminates
Bewick's

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

2 previous Carolina Wrens in Colorado, as well as many in Florida
and Texas

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

a) At time of observation: Geographic

b) After observation: Geographic

This report was written from reports made during ✓, after
observation , from memory ✓

Date and time report was written: 2/26/91

Reporting observer: Duane Nelson Signature: Duane Nelson

Address: 1619 Ford St Golden, CO 80401

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Species: CAROLINA WREN | THRYOTHORUS LUDOVICIANUS
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): DECEMBER 1ST 1990Number of birds seen: ONE Sex: UNKNOWN Plumage: ADULTLocality: 1619 FORD ST Elevation: 5500'Nearest town: GOLDEN County: JEFFERSONTime(s) observed: 1 pmDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 5 MINUTES

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

DUANE NELSON, DAN BRIDGES

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

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

BIRD IN BRIGHT SUNLIGHTOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10X BINOCULARSDistance, and how measured: 15 YARDS ESTIMATED

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird? _____

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

SEARCHING FOR FOOD IN A WOODPILE IN YARD OF HOUSE.

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:

MOST OBVIOUS FIELD MARK WAS VERY STRONG WHITE EYELINE. THE UNDERPARTS WERE BRIGHT BUFF, THE CROWN, BACK AND TAIL QUITE RUSTY. TYPICAL BLACK OF WRENS IN TAIL AND WINGS. QUITE LARGE FOR A COLORADO WREN.

Description (continued):

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

BIRD GAVE PARTIAL SONG - TYPICAL WREN LIKE CHATTER.

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

WOODPILE IN A SUBURBAN YARD.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

BEVICK'S WREN - COLOR OF UNDERPARTS AND UPPERPARTS, LARGER BIRD.

MARSH WREN - HABITAT, NO WHITE STREAKING ON BACK.

OTHER COLORADO WRENS - EYELINE etc. SEDGE WREN - TOO LARGE, CACTUS WREN - TOO SMALL.

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

HAVE SEEN CAROLINA MANY TIMES IN TEXAS AND EAST USA.

VERY FAMILIAR WITH COLORADO WRENS. CACTUS WREN SEEN MANY

TIMES IN SOUTH, AND SEDGE WREN SEEN FREQUENTLY IN EAST.

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

a) at time of observation: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE

b) after observation:

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____ from memory ☒
Date and time report was written: 29 DECEMBER 1990 6 pm

Reporting observer: PETER R. GENT Signature: Peter R. Gent

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