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Species: Carolina Wren  
(Vernacular name)

(Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students--those studying occurrences 50 years from now--must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Date (s): 18 Jan 96Time Bird Seen: 12:30 to 13:30Locality: Denver CO

Nearest town, county and state:

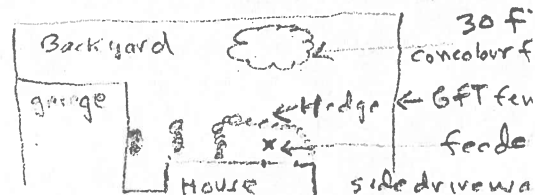
Optical equipment:

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used:

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Plumage: \_\_\_\_\_Light conditions: BrightDistance from bird, and how measured: I stood at my window which isDescribe the bird's overall behavior: 7 feet from the suet.

First spotted on suspended suet feeder 4 feet above the ground. Then it flitted along the ground, in some 2 foot hedge, 3 foot honeysuckle bush, and last seen back on the suet. Bird showed no interest in adjacent feeder filled with sunflower hearts.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:



Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough.) Describe what you actually saw in the field.

Similar in size to nearby juncos but more slender,  
prominent white bar above eyes  
very rich rust color back cap, wings + tail  
light buffy underneath  
faint bars under side of short tail  
No wing or back markings  
long slender bill curved down

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

I got to within 10 feet of bird outdoors. No sound

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

House Wren: eye bar, size, underparts color

Bodwicks Wren: underparts color

Winter Wren: eye bar, size, colors of underparts

Marsh Wren: has back streaks, less prominent eye bar

Rock Wren: grey color, Tail Tip, lacks eye bar

Canyon Wren: lacks eye bar, has chestnut belly

Prior experience with this and similar species:

Never saw this species before except the next day  
on a South Carolina license plate. Driver said she did not  
bring my bird with her!

This report was written from notes made during \_\_\_\_\_ after ☒ observation; from memory \_\_\_\_\_

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