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Common Name: Carolina Wren Scientific Name: Thryothorus ludovicianus Number of Individuals: 1 Age: adult Sex: male (?) Locality: Colorado: Pueblo County; west of Olive Marsh Date(s) Seen: March 16, 1998 Time: 4:05 – 4:20 PM Reporting Observer: Christopher L. Wood, 3465 S. Otis Court, Lakewood, CO 80227 Other Observers: Brandon Percival Light Conditions: Cloudy Optical Equipment: B& L Elite 10 * 42 binoculars Distance to Bird: 50 feet Duration of Observation: Fifteen minutes Habitat: Riparian area along Arkansas River. The bird preferred the more brushy areas. Behavior: The bird responded to a tape recording of Carolina Wren by singing six series of songs, which were recorded played back. After a couple minutes the bird flew to the top of a russian olive where it perched for about five minutes. It then flew into a brush pile where it remained for a couple minutes, after which it flew into some smaller cottonwoods where it resumed singing for about three more minutes. During this time, I continued to make record the songs.

Description: Similar in size and shape to Bewick's Wren, though somewhat more chunky. Fairly long bill (4/5 in) slightly decurved, darker at tip more fleshy near gape. Upperparts rich cinnamon-brown. Underparts buffy, especially near belly, becoming white on upper breast and throat. Head rust overall with prominent white supercilium. Long cinnamon-brown tail barred with black. Legs flesh-colored. Eye dark.

<u>Vocalizations:</u> Loud ringing repeated "wheeDO, wheeDO, wheeDO, wheeDO," repeated every four seconds or so.

<u>Similar Species</u>: Bewick's Wren not as rich cinnamon, less prominent supercilium, and Song Sparrow-like song.

Tape recordings? Yes.

References: National Geographic Bird tapes.

Description from: Contemporaneous notes; 🔊 Later notes; <u>xx</u> Memory.

Experience with Species: I have seen and heard many Carolina Wrens in Texas (1994 and 1995) and Florida (1997). During the summer of 1995 I found one in Crawford Co., Wisconsin

Are you Positive of the Identification?:

Signature: Date:

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