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DOCUMENTATION OF LATILONG PAPER BIRD SIGHTING  
FOR  
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDS

2000 - 113

Species: Carolina Wren  
(Vernacular name)Thryothorus ludovicianus  
(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): December 12, 1999 to present Time Bird Seen: 10:00 AM. to early morning/afternoons

Locality: Delesare residence back patio  
1510 Cottonwood Ln. Greenwood Village, Arapahoe County, Colorado  
Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: Binoculars, Video Camera

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: Video Camera

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Light conditions: Early morning & afternoons

Distance from bird, and how measured: 15-20 ft.

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

at 2-3 minutes at suet feeder  
seemed to really enjoy feeding making it easy to video tape the  
Carolina Wren. Stayed and continued eating when a nuthatch shared  
the feeder, checked out regular feeder containing black and a mixture  
of seeds, was seen feeding on the ground, sits sometimes on fence.

Plumage: a very warm brown solid  
colored back. Honey-colored  
solid breast, tiny tiger stripes along  
very edge of wings to end of tail.  
tail upright, prominent white  
stripe above eye, a good size  
bill, slightly pointed downward.  
whitish-gray throat.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

on a suet feeder in the back yard, off the patio.

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

L.S. Delesare, 1510 Cottonwood Lane, G Village, Colorado 80121  
Rale Delesare, 6210 So. Logan Court, Littleton, Colorado 80121



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.

A very warm brown bird with a solid brown back, honey-colored solid breast. Very tiger stripes along very edge of wings to end of tail, spotted underneath tail, upright tail, prominent white stripe above eye, a good size beak slightly pointed downward, white-ish-gray throat, from tip of tail to bill about 5-6".

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

at this time, I have not heard bird's call, since I am inside of the house when bird is on feeder.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Bewick's Wren - gray - not brown like Carolina Wren  
Marsh Wren - white streaks on upper back - Carolina Wren - no streaks solid shades of brown.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

NONE

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

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## DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTING

Recd 3/11/00 wpl

Species: Carolina Wren

This report submitted to confirm the observation and identification of this bird by Florence DeCesare. We have not seen the bird, only a 45-minute long video taken in the last 2 weeks of December. Mrs. DeCesare has more film of the bird still in the camcorder.

Date(s): Dec. 12, 1999 - Mar. 5, 2000 +

Locality: Englewood

Lat/long:

39104

Optical equipment: this reports on our observation of the Video tape taken by Florence DeCesare.

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: Basic, I suppose.

Describe habitat: Small suburban yard, next to the Highline Canal and across from an abandoned horse farm. The horse farm appears to have rank, ungroomed growth, and according to Mrs. DeCesare, several abandoned buildings.

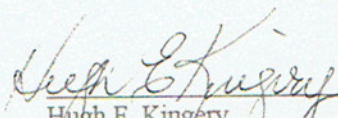
Describe behavior: Feeding on suet and seed feeders. The bird comes in and stays on the feeders for 2-4 minutes at a time. It always approaches from the same direction, from across the Highline Canal in the direction of the horse farm.

Field marks observed: Large wren (compared with junco). Conspicuous whitish eye stripe. Buffy breast. Breast and face pattern outline a whitish throat. Mrs. DeCesare aptly describes the breast as "honey-colored" and the tail as having "tiger stripes." It often cocks its tail, but just as frequently props itself on the feeder in the posture shown in the Natl Geographic Guide.

Similar species: Bewick's Wren: differentiated because of this bird's buffy breast and white throat. From other wrens by white eye stripe.

Prior experience: Seen in the East and in Englewood (the first state nesting record).

Description from: Memory.

  
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