

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

(Please print or type. Attach photographs, drawings, and additional pages if necessary.)

CFO-RC FILE #: 2001-98
RESULTS: _____

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Species: Carolina Wren (Common Name) Thryothorus ludovicianus (Scientific Name)

Date(s) of observation: 10-30-01

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Male Plumage: Adult

Exact location: West end of Greenhorn Meadows Park on Greenhorn Creek

County: Pueblo Nearest town: Colorado City Elevation: 6000'

Length of observation: 1/2 hour Times(s) of observation: 10:45-11:15 AM

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: None

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): None

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's; position): Bird west of observer - cloudy weather

Optical equipment used: 10x40 Zeiss Binocular

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 10-15 yards

Was bird photographed?: No If so, have you submitted photographs? _____

Who took the photographs? _____

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred:

Narrow Canyon with dense riparian understory with canopy of mainly Cottonwoods + understory of willows

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification):

Bird flitted in dense understory frequently scolding

Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird(s) in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings, and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Describe other details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes):

Dark reddish brown upperparts and buffy chestnut brown underparts were observed. Distinct white supercilium contrasted with rufous head. White throat contrasted with buffy underparts. Tail was long, chestnut, with dark horizontal bars. Bill was dark, long, slightly down-curved. This bird was a large wren almost size of nearby Canyon Wren.

Describe bird's call or song: Low harsh scolding note similar to house wren but louder.

Also descending "teh-r-r-r" and pi-di-di-di" on same pitch.

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

Canon Wren has gray and not rufous crown. Canon Wren lacks distinct white supercilium. Bewick's wren lacks buffy underparts. Red-breasted Nuthatch is gray above and has short tail.

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

I have seen many Carolina Wrens in Missouri & a few in Colorado.

I have seen many Canon Wrens & Bewick's Wrens plus Red-breasted Nuthatches in Colorado.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):

National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds, 3rd edition

This report was made from notes made during X or after _____ observation, or later from memory _____.

Date of written report: 10-30-01

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