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Sedge Wren Report

From: antejos@juno.com

Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2003 9:05 PM

To: GreatGrayOwl@aol.com

Subject: Sedge Wren Report

A Sedge Wren (*Cistothorus platensis*), first reported by Brandon Percival and Mark Peterson on October 24, was seen again in the original ¹⁷ Scirpus/Typhus marsh by others and me on Saturday October 25¹⁸ at Fountain Regional Park in El Paso County immediately north of a pond named Square Pond.

The bird was identified, (see photos) by the streaked crown, the heavily streaked back, barred wings, pale buffy undersides and relatively short pale decurved bill (photo). It was observed by me with 10x40 Zeiss binoculars and with *naked* eye views as close as two feet. The bird spend most of the observation time in low reed vegetation, often only a few inches off of the ground but it did make two or three higher appearances on top of an unknown herbaceous plant stalk, about 7 feet above the ground. The Sedge Wren did make a series of single call notes, not unsimilar to Marsh Wren, from which it was separated by bill, back, wings, and crown which are very different in Marsh Wren.

The Sedge Wren was photographed with at 3x optical using a Canon G2 digital camera at ~3'. I saw the bird again briefly on Sunday, October 26 in the same location.

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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

CBRC FILE #: 2003-79		
RESULTS:		
Species: (Common Name) Sedge Wren		(Scientific Name) Cistothorus platensis
Date(s) of occurrence: 10-18-2003		
Number of birds seen: One	Sex:	Plumage: Adult
Exact location: Fountain Creek Regional Park		
County: El Paso	Nearest town: Fountain	Elevation: 5560 ft.
Length of observation: A total of a few minutes		Time(s) of observation: Morning
Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: MOB		
Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): MOB		
Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Partly cloudy, calm.		
Optical equipment used: Swarovski EL 8 X 42		
Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): Sometimes within 1 foot.		
Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? Yes.		If so, are you submitting photos? Yes. Pics\sewrbm.jpg, Pics\sewrmp.jpg
Who took the photograph(s)? Mark Peterson & Bill Maynard. Bill's picture is from the same time and day that I was there. Mark's picture is from the day before. (All photos used with permission.)		
Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Wetlands		
Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: Walking on ground calling and occasionally popping up low on vegetation.		
DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. Mark Peterson and Brandon Percival found this bird. Please see photos.		
Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: Intermittently called as described in National Geographic "a sharp tsuk."		
SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: Please see photos.		
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen Sedge Wren in other states.		
List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation): None.		
This report was made from (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X photo and memory		
Date and time of written report: 04-10-2004		
Reporting observer: Rachel Hopper		Signature: Rachel Hopper
Reporting observer's address: 1721 Cottonwood Pt. Dr.		
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