

SPECIES: EASTERN WOOD-PEEWEECONTOPUS VIRENS

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name)

DATE(S): OCTOBER 12, 1992 TIME OF OBSERVATION: 1114 TO 1205 MDTEXACT LOCATION: PICTURE CANYON, COMANCHE NATIONAL GRASSLAND,NEAREST TOWN: CAMPO COUNTY: BACA

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

NONEOPTICAL EQUIPMENT: SWAROVSKI 8x56 BINOCULARSWEATHER CONDITIONS: SUNNY, CALM, 75-78°BIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: BIRD IN FULL SUN - SHINING FROM MID-DAY POSITIONDISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: 50 YARDS - EST.NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 ^{SINGING} SEX: = ? MALE PLUMAGE: BASIC

BEHAVIOR AND Demeanor: BIRD ACTIVELY FEEDING ON FLYING INSECTS; FLYING OUT ALTERNATELY FROM SEVERAL DEAD BRANCHES NEAR TOP OF LARGE CUT-TONWOOD TREE WHICH WAS IN FALL FOLIAGE - SOMETIMES RETURNING TO SAME PERCH, OTHER TIMES NOT. WOULD SIT QUIETLY FOR SEVERAL MINUTES, UPRIGHT POSITION, THEN RESUME FEEDING PATTERN.

HEAD & NECK (forehead, crown, auricular & malar regions, median line, etc.):

DARK GRAY/OLIVE HEAD & NAPE, BUFF COLOR UNDER EAR EXTENDING TO CHIN & THROAT. DARK EYE.

EYES & LORES (supercilium, eye-ring, eye-stripe, color, etc.):

DARK EYE

LOWER & UPPER MANDIBLES (color & shape): DARK - UNABLE TO DETERMINE A DIFFERENCE IN COLOR - MEDIUM LENGTH, POINTED

LEGS & FEET: DARK

UPPERPARTS (nape, back, rump, uppertail coverts, etc.):

UNIFORMLY OLIVE-GRAY

UNDERPARTS (chin, throat, belly, sides, flanks, crissum, etc.):

WHITISH CHIN/THROAT, BREAST AND SIDES GRAYISH, BELLY & UNDERTAIL COVERTS BUFFY → WHITE.

RETICLES (inner, middle & outer tail feathers; color, pattern, shape, etc.):

TAIL DARK, NARROW, MEDIUM LENGTH

WINGS (color, length, shape, bars, coverts, etc.):

DARK GRAY - 2 WHITISH WING BARS, TERTIALS EDGED IN WHITE

VOCALIZATION (call/song, method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight):

FROM PERCH: PEE ^{AW}WEE and PEE-ER

HABITAT: RIPARIAN "OASIS" IN DESERT/GRASSLAND CANYON, WETLAND AREA WITH CATTAILS; MANY SMALL TO LARGE BUSHES UP AGAINST CANYON WALL.

ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES: SEVERAL LARGE TREES.

IDENTICAL TO WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE EXCEPT FOR SONG/CALL

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

HAVE SEEN WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE ON AT LEAST 2 DOZEN OCCASIONS. IN COLO., IDAHO, ARIZONA. THIS IS FIRST SIGHTING FOR EASTERN SPECIES.

BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADVICE CONSULTED THAT INFLUENCED THIS REPORT:

CONSULTED NATIONAL GEOG.: BIRDS OF NO. AMER. TO CONFIRM VOCALIZATION AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

LISTENED TO CORNELL UNIV. - EASTERN + CENTRAL NO. AMER. BIRD

SONGS RECORDING (C.D.) AFTER SIGHTING

THIS REPORT WRITTEN FROM NOTES MADE DURING ☒ AFTER ☒ OBSERVATION; ☒ FROM MEMORY

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