

CFO-RC FILE #: _____
RESULTS: 7-0 A

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Species: Eastern Towhee Pipilo erythrophthalmus
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s) of observation: 11-6-2000Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Male Plumage: AdultExact location: NW corner South Parkway & Garden State Ave. - Meadowcreek SubdivisionCounty: Pueblo Nearest town: Colorado City Elevation: 6000 FeetLength of observation: 1 minute Times(s) of observation: 10:30 - 10:31 AMOther observers who saw the bird(s) with you: NoneOther observers who independently saw the bird(s): NoneLight conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's; position): - Cloudy - Bird west of observerOptical equipment used: 10-40 Zeiss BinocularDistance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 20 FeetWas 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:

Scrub oak woodland with weedy understory

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

Bird scratched leaf litter with 3 to 4 Spotted Towhees. Jumped up to low oak branch and sat for about 30 seconds before flying away.

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):

This bird was identical to Spotted Towhee except for its back & wings. Back was solid black with no spots. Each wing had only 2 spots. One large spot was at base of primaries. A smaller white spot was near contrasting black primary tips. The two spots were joined by narrow white lines. Bill was conical shape & black. Head was solid black. Long tail was black with white tips. Underparts were white with open orange vest joined at undertail coverts. Eye was also orange with dark pupils.

Describe bird's call or song:

None given

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

All Spotted Towhees have numerous white spots on wings, including Pacific Northwest race. Rocky Mountain race has white spots on back.

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

I have seen many Spotted Towhees in Colorado. I have seen a few Eastern Towhees in Colorado & many in Missouri.

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

National Geographic Field Guide, 3rd edition & David Sibley's Guide to BirdsThis report was made from notes made during ☒ or after _____ observation, or later from memory _____.Date of written report: 11-19-2000Reporting observer: David Silverman Signature: David SilvermanObserver's address: P.O. Box 362 Rye CO 81069Send report to: Bill Lisowsky, 2919 Silverplume Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80526