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Mrs. Margaret Kunkle
 Rt. 2 Box 48
 Conifer, Colorado 80433

Dear Mrs. Kunkle:

Thank you for your letter and photographs of the unusual bird spotted at your feeding station in Conifer.

It has been confirmed by Dr. Allan R. Phillips, bird consultant to the Museum, as being a female Rufous-sided Towhee of the eastern subspecies, Pipilo erythrophthalmus erythrophthalmus. This is an extremely rare and valuable sighting and I would like to talk with you more about it. I am also interested in seeing your additional photographs, and possibly having the negatives duplicated.

Could you please call me at 575-3911, as I would like to know the dates of your sightings and other details. Enclosed, you will find the official Colorado Field Ornithologists' Sight Record form which I have partially filled out for you, and extra copies. If you see unusual or unidentifiable birds, feel free to call the Museum in the future. For your information, there is a Denver Rare Bird Alert organization for sightings such as yours, headed by Mildred Snyder (366-7610) and a crew of "telephone callers". Also, a good local contact for you would be Sylvia Brockner (674-4851) of Evergreen, who is very active in the local Audubon chapter (Evergreen Naturalists' Society).

Sincerely,

Betsy Webb

Curator, Zoological Collections Department

I would like some help
in finding what kind of bird as seen
in the photograph.. I have better
ones of him. But I don't know when
to send them to A. D.

I live at Conifer. Colo. 80433
to mid east of Conifer Junc. on Ilesco. 88.
about 8:400 feet. The birds like
scrubs. & don't plant. on the ground
more than the trees.

Could you help me. or
let me know when I can find out.
what he is.

I thank you.

Miss Margaret Kunkle

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Conifer Colo. 80433