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Species: **Red Fox Sparrow**, *Passerella iliaca*

Date: 14 November 2003

Location: Wagonwheel Campground, Bonny Reservoir State Wildlife Area

County: Yuma

Time observed: 10:00 am

Duration of observation: several minutes

Weather: Clear, mild, temps reached upwards of 60 degrees.

Initially found by Brandon Percival; seen also by Mark Peterson. We all had great looks from about 25 feet as it flew up into a leafless tree. It then flew down into a juniper and we saw the bird again as it moved around the edges near the ground.

The bird I saw was a Fox sparrow in every respect; a large, chunky sparrow with a streaked breast and conical bill. It was immediately recognized as the "red" subspecies by the overall reddish coloration, including head, tail, wings and breast streaks. Close observation of the head pattern showed a diagnostic red "triangle" on a gray face that extended from the eye to the back of the head to the cheek. The breast streaks were distinctly rusty red. The bill was pale. This bird called several times, a hard and fast "tskit."

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