

Species: VERMILLION FLYCATCHER

Pyrocephalus rubinus

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): Sept 20, 1975 Time Bird Seen: 11 to 11:20

Locality: Pastorious Reservoir

Nearest Town: Durango

County: La Plata

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

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Optical Equipment: Swift 1 Auto Focus Mark II 8x44 binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used: _____

Light Conditions: cloudy

Distance from bird (how measured): 357 to 200 ft.

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: Female Plumage: _____

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

Perched on top of outer branches of willow shrub on lake shore or piñon trees. Flew away from perch and returned. Not secretive or particularly shy. Finally, flew northward across lake.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern.

Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

About size of blue bird or slightly smaller. Larger head, thick shoulders, heavy straight beak. Top of head seemed flattened. Head darker than body. Neck (in front) light. Color deepened slightly toward belly. Sides near wings a huffy tan color near folded wings. Vertical streaks on chest and becoming larger toward belly and sides. Back, wings and tail brown. Tail not marked or distinctive.

This bird was observed by 17 members of the Four Corners Bird Club of Farmington, N. M.

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

not heard

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

*Agricultural area. Reservoir with piñon, sage, willows
on most sides*

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

*1. streaks on chest eliminated other flycatchers
2. brownish color " bluebirds*

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

*Both ^{species} seen many times summers of 1966, 1971-1974
in N.M. and Az.*

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

*Peterson and Goldenfield guides consulted after several
minutes of observation.*

This report was written from notes made during ___ after ___ observation; from memory X

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