

SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES AND/OR SPECIES IN HIGH NUMBERS

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Observer writing this account and date Jerry Cairns January 18, 1986

SPECIES Vermilion Flycatcher NUMBER, AGE, SEX 1 MALE adult Kingbird

Hudson, Weld County
Distance from bird(s) 50 feet Relative size of bird 2/3 of size basically sparrow size
saw with western [redacted] much smaller

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.)
Forehead was brilliant red also crown, ear patch was brown. This brown was an extension of the brown back, wings, tail and met the bill in front of the eye.

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.)
eye dark, lore area brownish, no ring

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES ^{little} Dark bill was what was noticed

LEGS & FEET not noticed

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.)
Nape was brown, back, rump, uppertail coverts all brown

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.)
Throat, belly, side, flanks all brilliant red

RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.)
dark tail was what was noticed

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges, etc.) seemingly longish tail was brown

VOCALIZATION none

BEHAVIOR Sitting on fence wire for a long time, very windy day and bird seemed to be hanging onto the wire fence.

Date of observation 9-25-85 Time 1:30 P.M. Weather windy and cool Sky cover cloudy

Duration of observation 4 minutes Bird - Sun orientation no sun

Exact location farm at the southeast edge of Hudson, Colorado in Weld County

Habitat semi-open situation, backyard Other observers Virginia Wells

optical equipment 7X35 Binoculars

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS I don't know what else this bird could have been being so brilliantly colored as described.

AN ACCOMPANYING SKETCH OR PHOTOGRAPH CAN BE AN EXCELLENT FURTHER DOCUMENTATION
I wrote this account through verbal comments from observer who was Dorothy Hill and her friend Virginia Wells.