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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form (This is a two-page report. Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.) Each table cell will automatically enlarge as you type!

CFO-RC FILE X:

RESULTS:

Species:(Common Name) Vermilion Flycatcher (Scientific Name) *Pyrocephalus rubinus*

Date(s) of occurrence: April 12, 2001

Number of birds seen: one Sex: female Plumage: alt.

Exact location: The bird was seen on the boat rental point, just east of the marina at Chatfield Res. , Douglas county, Co.

County: Nearest town: Littleton Elevation: 5300 feet

Length of observation: 10 minutes Time(s) of observation: 13:15 to 13:25

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: none

Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): ?

Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position: Mostly cloudy, approaching rain storm, wind has calm at first, then out of the west at 10 to 15 mph. The sun would have been at my back.

Optical equipment used: Zeiss 10 x 40

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 40 to 100 feet

Was bird(s) photographed? NO If so, have you submitted photos?

Who took the photographs?

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred:

Sand point at Chatfield, with few small cottonwood trees on both sides of the shore. Trees were not leafed out.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the Species or in supporting the identification): The bird was observed flycatching from various trees on the point. It would perch on the outer most part a branch, about half way up the tree. It caught insects both in the air and on the ground, returning to a perch on the outer part of a branch.

Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report.

Include the overall size and shape and how you placed the bird 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(s). Describe other important 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 field notes): The bird was a sparrow sized bird, (just been observing Vesper, Savannah and Dark-eyed Juncos) with a dark eye and all dark bill. The crown, nape and back was a medium gray color without obvious markings. The folded wings appeared lighter with two faint wing bars. On closer examination, the feather of the wings (coverts, primaries, secondaries and tertials) were all edges in pale gray / white lading to the lighter wing and wing bar effect. The tail was darker than the rest of the bird. The head had a whitish supercillium, a gray auricular region that flow into the side of the neck. It did not appear to have an auricular 'patch'. The throat was clear and pale, the breast was streaked, with streak extending into the flanks. The belly was also pale and clear. The vent and undertail coverts were a rosey red color, with the vent area brighter than the coverts. The legs were dark. In flight the tail was black compared to the rest of the bird, the primaries were short and rounded and slightly grayer than the rest of the wing.

Describe bird's call or song: none heard

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: The vent color eliminated most flycatchers in Colorado. Says Phoebe is much larger. has grayer , unstreaked breast. and a much more extensive peachy vent, belly and coverts to name a few.

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

I've seen a few in Colorado, Quite a few in Az.

List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley Guide, 2000 , reference and latin name

This report is from notes made during Taped X or after observation or later from memory

Date of written report: April 22,2001

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