

Sayornis nigricans - - - - BLACK PHOEBE

The CFO Official Records Committee has reviewed the documentation along with four clear, recognizable color photographs of the Black Phoebe reported from the Pueblo area during the spring and summer months of 1972. Written documentation was supplied by Claire A. Griffiths and Donna M. Bregenzer both of Pueblo. The color photographs were taken and submitted by Michael Schultz of Security. Based upon the information presented, the Committee has ruled to accept this species as the first authentic record of an occurrence in Colorado, and has approved its addition to the Official State List of the Birds of Colorado.

An excellent and detailed account of the appearance of the Black Phoebe in the Pueblo area was submitted by Jerry C. Ligon and David A. Griffiths and published in the Colorado Field Ornithologist, September 1972, No. 13, pages 3 and 4.

All documentation and color photographs are on file with the Official Records Committee.

Jack Reddall

CHAIRMAN

CFO Official Records Committee

January 20, 1973

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Species: BLACK PHOEBE

Sayornis nigricans

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date: MAY 13, 1972Time Bird Seen: 4:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.Locality: Burnt Mill Road, 7 miles from I-25-Nearest Town: Pueblo Colorado County: Pueblo

Observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

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ADDRESS

PHONE

CLAIRE GRIFFITHS17Salan Drive545-8066SANROTTA GRIFFITHS# 17Salan Drive545-8066DONNA BREGENZER415Gaylord Drive544-0228Optical Equipment: 8X40 BINOCULARS Distance (observer to bird): 30-35' oneLight Conditions: SUNNYPrevious Experience With Bird: NONENumber of Birds Seen: ONE PAIR Sex: unknown Plumage: Spring

Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in specific detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics. Include only what was actually seen in the field):

FLYCATCHER HABITSBlack head, Breast + back with white belly
Shining beady black eyes
Dark beak

Description of Voice (if heard):

Description of Behavior: Flycatcher habits in flying,
Seeking foodHabitat - General: Rocky walled stream, with bridge.Some brush with shallow pools

Specific:

Ponderosa, Pinon, Rabbit brush vegetation in generally arid
plainsDate Prepared: Donna M. Bregenzer

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(Use the reverse, or additional pages, if necessary)

SIGHT REPORT: DOCUMENTATION FOR COLORADO STATE BIRD LIST CONSIDERATION

Species: BLACK PHOEBE | Sayornis nigricans
 (Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date: 13 May 1972 Time Bird Seen: 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Locality: Bridge on the St. Charles River on the Burnt Mill road 7 miles west of Colorado Interstate #25

Nearest Town: Pueblo County: Pueblo

Observers who independently identified this bird:

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<u>Winston Brockner</u>	<u>Evergreen Colorado</u>	
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Optical Equipment: binoculars 7x35 Distance (observer to bird): above birds

Light Conditions: good light-beautiful day

Previous Experience With Bird: none

Number of Birds Seen: two Sex: unkn Plumage: spring

Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in specific detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics. Include only what was actually seen in the field):

flycatcher flight, act of catching bugs and profile
the bird attracted my attention because of the black and white contrast
it was a small bird I had never seen before my comment was "there is a flycatcher like bird, but I don't know what it is." It looked like a miniature eastern kingbird except that the black almost forms a bibbed effect. The black phoebe and the magpie always looked like they were ready for a ball, all decked out in black and white. The whiskers and black beady eyes were very much there

Description of Voice (if heard): none

Description of Behavior: the way it (they) flew up to catch bugs in the air
flight pattern was typical flycatcher

Habitat - General: rocky walls above the stream in otherwise desert, some planted fields willows, grasses, lodgepole pines, running water
 Specific: one of these crazy areas we bird watch in

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