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JR 12/9/73

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: BLACK PHOEBE Sayornis nigricans 2. Number: 2
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name) Burnt Mill Rd
3. Location: approx 20 miles Southwest of Pueblo, Colo Bridge - St Charles River
May 11, 12, 13, 23 June 9, 25 - July 4, 10, 18
4. Date(s): Aug 3 - 1973 Sept 1, 1973 5. Time bird seen: various times of day to 9 am & 4 pm
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
small black flycatcher, white belly - sat in dead limb of juniper or on rocks at stream side - sometimes 2 birds, later in season one bird - sometimes downstream from bridge sometimes upstream - I was the first one to see it April 21 and the last one to see it August 3, 1973. They were more wary this year than 1972 - stayed farther from the bridge, stay visible as long and were harder to find - on several occasions
7. Description of voice, if heard: can't remember I didn't see them
8. Description of behavior: sometimes it would sit almost motionless other times it would fly from one perching place to another
9. Habitat--general: sometimes it would catch insects and return to perch
specific: rocky stream bed in juniper, piñon area
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
I'm not sure any other flycatcher looks too much like it in the area - smaller than gray's or eastern phoebe - black & white contrast.
11. Distance (how measured?): very distinct distance varied
12. Optical equipment: 32 ps Bushnell scope - 7x35 binoculars
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
In most cases the light was good - seen in varied positions
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
I had seen it in 1968 in New Mexico and 1972 in the same location in Colorado
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
It is only the second verified Colorado record
16. Other observers:
Van Threan, Harold Holt - 8 people from Colo Springs, several others
17. Did others agree with your identification?
yes
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
Van Threan, Harold Holt Bill Brockner
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: Didn't need any this year
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:
Dave A Griffiths Street Address: 17 Solar Drive
Signature
Date Prepared: Sept 6, 1973 City and State: Pueblo, Colo 81005

(USE THE REVERSE, OR ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY)

I'll notify you when the bird is last seen
it's 0 o'clock for the winter

River, Burnt Mill Rd - do
 SW of Pueblo, Colo. Pueblo County
 1st observed 1 pr (Apr 21) D.G. Jon L.
 28 at least 8 people
 Colo Springs. VAT
 (10 days not seen J.R. & Lane)

May 11, 12, 13, 23 - VAT - CAG.
 1st seen 11

1st 12, 13, 23 - 23rd D.G.

June 1st 9, 25th D.G.

July 4, 10 (mixed 12th) - 18 - imm? - VAT

Aug 3 - 1 bird last time seen
 D.G.

not seen 15th, 2nd City

seen

not seen
 Seen on Sept 6 - D.G. Bill Brockner

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8/12/91/73

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1. Species: BLACK PHOEBE | Sayornis nigricans 2. Number: 1 to 2
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: about 10 miles SW of Pueblo on Burnt Mill Rd. Pueblo Co.
(all 1973) ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ July 10, 18
4. Date(s): Apr. 28, May 11, June 25 5. Time bird seen: _____ to _____
1973
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
The bird was a medium sized flycatcher with ~~almost all black~~ but the lower breast which was white. On Apr. 28 and May 11 there were two adult birds. On June 25 only one adult observed by Wes Biggs, Johnny Johnson, Dave Goodwin (all from Fla.) and myself. On July 10 one adult observed by John Ross (Ohio) and myself. On July 18 one adult feeding one immature on rock. Robert Rydbeck (Sweden) and myself. The imm. was more mottled black and white than the adult.
7. Description of voice, if heard: none.
8. Description of behavior: Adult feeding young on a rock.
9. Habitat--general: Semi-arid plains
specific: Stream bottom with a few cottonwoods
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
none.
11. Distance (how measured?): 100ft. estimated
12. Optical equipment: 7x35 binoculars 20-45x scope
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
usually good light on all trips
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
seen in Ariz. and last year at same location
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
From last years first state record.
16. Other observers: above.
17. Did others agree with your identification?
Others agreed
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
Many.
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: None.
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:
No Photos.
Van A. Truan Street Address: 2510 Elizabeth
Signature [Signature]
Date Prepared: August 24, 1973 City and State: Pueblo Colorado 81003

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