

Species: BLACK PHOEBE

Sayornis nigricans

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

1974 Date(s): 4-20, 21, 27, 5-11, 19, 25, 6-24, 7-4 Time Bird Seen: varied from 7 am to 6 pm and later
 Locality: Burnt Mill Rd. St Charles River Bridge 20 mi. S.W. of Pueblo
 Nearest Town: Pueblo County: Pueblo

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>Dave G. Briffiths Pueblo</u>	<u>David Silverman, Pueblo</u>	
<u>Jerry Tison Pueblo</u>	<u>1 party of Colo Field Ornithologists Convention</u>	
<u>Jack Reddall Littleton</u>	<u>Winston Breckner Evergreen</u>	

Optical Equipment: usually 7x35 binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used: none

Light Conditions: varied from clear & sunny to cloudy

Distance from bird (how measured): estimated sometimes as close as 100 feet

Number of Birds Seen: 2 Sex: ♂ & ♀ Plumage: adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

a small black flycatcher with white belly - sometimes it as they perched on a branch and called - the male especially - other times they sat on rocks either in the stream bed or beside the stream - much tail pumping or bobbing; would fly occasionally to catch an insect.

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:

smaller than the say's phoebe which is the common phoebe in the Pueblo area - the male this year was more distinct in that he was larger, much glossier black and pronounced division between black upper parts, head tail back and white belly which came up to a V near the breast - female was more grayish - division was not so distinct between black upper parts and belly. In April and May both birds were seen together most of the time by late June and July 4 - last date seen only one bird was seen apparently the male because it was calling I looked for the birds again on July 13 and twice in August without locating them. No definite sign of a nest or spore was located but I didn't walk the river bottom. I must observed from the

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

A trill or phoebe call plaintive and not as strong as Say's Phoebe

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

rocky stream bed, running water and pools, juniper pinyon area with cottonwood and stream side shrubs

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

because of distinct black upper parts and white belly no other species of phoebe or flycatcher closely resembles it

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

This is the 3rd consecutive year I have observed this species at this location. I have also seen them in New Mexico, Arizona and California.

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

none needed because of previous experience with the species

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

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Species: BLACK PHOEBE

Sayornis nigricans

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 17, 1974 (only 1974 sighting) Time Bird Seen: 9:30 AM to 9:45 AM

Locality: BURNT MILL RD.

Nearest Town: PUEBLO COLORADO

County: PUEBLO

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>Allegra Collier</u>	<u>Longmont Colo</u>	
<u>Camille Cummings</u>	<u>Bethoull Colo</u>	

} Same Date 5/17/74

Optical Equipment: 7x35 binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used: —

Light Conditions: Bird on west side of bridge, sun at our backs

Distance from bird (how measured): 60 ft estimated

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: — Plumage: adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

The Bird was sitting on ^a low branch of a juniper when we first saw it. Flew up & caught an insect and flew back to same branch, several times.

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:

Size - about same size as a Say's phoebe

Shape - same shape as Say's phoebe - stocky & sitting fairly upright

plumage - black on head, back, tail, ~~the~~ upper breast and throat, and wings white mid breast down to the tail (under) coverts

wings - black with slight white wingbars

bill - shape ~~the~~ medium to slim, dark

tail - black (upper)

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

Not heard this time

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

pinon/juniper - river(stuon) bottom (cottonwood - willow)

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

No similar species

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

Seen it in Ariz. many times

in Colo. 1972, 1973 same location

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

None.

This report was written from notes made during _____ after 1 observation; from memory _____

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