

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Black Phoebe | Sayornis nigricans
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): June 7, 11, 13, 15, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26 1987Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Probably Female Plumage: AdultLocality: Peck Creek Cove - Pueblo Reservoir Elevation: 4800Nearest town: Pueblo County: PuebloTime(s) observed: June 7, 8 + 13 - in morning all other dates in eveningDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 5 to 15 minutes on each date

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Dave Silverman P.O. Box 1187 Pueblo, Co 489-3565Dave Johnson 1920 Greenwood Pueblo, Co 545-5541

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

Unknown

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Sun was always behind me on all observationsOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Brushnell 7x25Distance, and how measured: 3ft to 20 yds - estimateIf photographed, type of equipment and film: Pentax K1000 Film Kodak Axt 400 Black & whJohn Wilbur - photographerWho else photographed the bird? Unknown

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

Perched upright like a flycatcher when it was on sticks - when it was perched on rock it pumped & spread its tail frequently. While feeding it did its flycatching below the level of its perch in most cases. It dipped into the water frequently.Nesting bird - did not stay off nest longer than 10 minutes.

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern.

Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observe in the field:

Six inches in length, black head, back & chest. white belly & undertail coverts white formed inverted V on chest -  Bill - narrow & blackwings - black - white edge on primaries visible in good lightsome rust color visible on secondariesunderwing ~~black~~ blackish brown & greyTail slightly forked - long & narrow - black - white edge of outer feathers was visible in good light.Head - had a slight crest to it & slight rust color to it in good light

Description (continued): long

Nest: ^{deep} 3 1/2 by 5 inches of mud & grass 3 1/2 feet above water on sandstone cliff, well protected under a ledge.

The unhatched eggs - 2 all white about 15 mm. in length
The hatched young were about 6 centimeters at one week old

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

No call heard until June 26 -

a short chip - call made with insect in her mouth which she then fed to young.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:
limestone sandstone cliffs lead shrubery on shore line of lake - pinon, juniper hills around

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Slate-colored Junco - The phoebe bill was long & black instead of short & light there was only a faint trace of white on the outer tail feathers. The phoebe was longer & slenderer than a Junco

Eastern Kingbird - Phoebe had black throat & chest & no white on bottom of tail - I did see both species together too.

Black-throated blue warbler - no white wing patch.

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

I've only seen one other black Phoebe in Phoenix Arizona

I've observed many dark eyed Juncos.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation:

The bird was instantly recognizable - no book was consulted at time of observation

b) after observation:

Audubon Society Master Guide to Birding Vol 2 -
Nat. Geographic Society Field Guide to the Birds

Arther Bent
Life Histories of North American
Flycatchers, Larks, Swallows & their Allies

This report was written from reports made during ☒ after observation ☐ from memory

Date and time report was written: Aug 12, 1987

Reporting observer: Mark C. Jaeger Signature: Mark C. Jaeger

Address: 113 W. Evans, Pueblo, Co. 81004

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(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 6/13/87Number of birds seen: ONE Sex: FEMALE Plumage: BREEDINGLocality: SOUTH SIDE OF PUEBLO RESERVOIR Elevation: 4800'?Nearest town: PUEBLO County: PUEBLOTime(s) observed: 9 AM - 10 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): ALMOST ONE HOUR

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

MANY, INCLUDING MARK YAEGER, WHO FOUND THE BIRD.

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

BRIGHT SUNLIGHTOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): BINOCULARS 10X40Distance, and how measured: 10-20 YARDS ESTIMATED

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird? _____

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

FORAGING ACTIVELY ABOVE SMALL INLET OF PUEBLO RESERVOIR. - FORAGING BY FLYCATCHING.
SPENT ABOUT 30 MINS OF THE HOUR SITTING ON ITS NEST.

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observe in the field:

THIS WAS A SMALLISH BIRD, ABOUT SEVEN INCHES LONG. ITS UPPER PARTS, WINGS,
ALL ITS HEAD, UPPER BREAST AND TAIL WERE VERY DARK - A SLIGHT TINGE
OF BROWN COULD BE DISCERNED - THE COLOR WAS NOT JET BLACK WHEN

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Description (continued):

SEEN IN FULL SUNLIGHT. THIS ALSO LEADS ME TO THINK THE BIRD WAS A FEMALE. THE LOWER BREAST AND UNDERTAIL COVERTS WERE WHITE. THE BILL WAS RELATIVELY THIN AND LONG. THE BIRD FLYCATCHED ABOVE THE WATER MOSTLY WHEN IT WAS FORAGING. THE TAIL WAS ALSO QUITE LONG.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

NONE HEARD.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

ROCKY HILLSIDE LEADING INTO PUEBLO RES, PLUS NEST UNDER AN OVERHANG ABOUT 3-4 FEET ABOVE THE WATER.
How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

NO OTHER FLYCATCHER LOOKS LIKE THIS AT ALL. IT WAS MUCH SMALLER THAN AN EASTERN KINGBIRD, WHICH HAS A COMPLETELY WHITE BREAST.

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

HAVE SEEN THIS SPECIES NUMEROUS TIMES IN CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO AND SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: NONE

b) after observation:

This report was written from reports made during x, after observation from memory
Date and time report was written: 6/14/87 9pm.

Reporting observer: PETER GENT Signature: Peter R. Gent

Address: 55 SOUTH 35th STREET, BOULDER, CO 80303.

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COLORADO BIRD ATLAS
VERIFICATION FORM

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Species: Black Thoebe Sayornis nigricans
(Common Name) (Scientific)

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For Atlas Office Use	Topo Map--Name <u>Swallows Quadrangle</u>
RD _____	--Number Lat <u>N 38 15</u> Long <u>W 104 45 25</u>
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Atl Off _____	

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, for research projects like the Atlas, a written description for unusual species is essential. The final atlas project must have a solid basis, and for unusual records, we require written documentation. By providing the verifying written description you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method. The Atlas Technical Committee will review the report and approve it for inclusion in the Atlas database.

This form will perpetuate your record for examination by others in the future. The Atlas requires this of every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Date(s): June 7, 8, 11, 13, 15, 19, 21, 22, Time seen June 7, 8 & 13 in Morning to all other dates were evening observations
23 & 26

Locality Peck Creek Cave - Pueblo Reservoir
Nearest town & county Pueblo, Pueblo County

Number seen	Gender	Ages	Plumage	Photos
1	Males	Adults <u>1</u>	Breeding ☒ Transition _____	Yes/No ☒
	Females	Juv/Imm <u>~</u>	Eclipse _____ Dark phase _____	Avail. _____
	Imm/O	2/3 yr _____	Winter _____ Light phase _____	Encl ☒
	Unk	Unk _____	Other _____	

Distance from bird(s) 30 ft to 20 yds Light conditions Sun above + behind Notes made: At time of sighting ☒

Optical Equip Binoculars - Bushnell 7x25 After observation from memory _____

Describe habitat: Nest on Limestone + sandstone cliffs above lake - Dead shrubery on shore line
pinga Juniper on hill sides.

Atlas Breeding Code Overall behavior. Did it interact with any other birds? Describe.

Nesting bird - did not stay off nest longer than 10 minutes at any time perched upright like flycatcher on sticks. While perched on rocks it pumped and spread its tail frequently. Dipped in water frequently. Fly catching below the level of its perch in most cases. It had a favorite perch on a rock that it went to quite often. Grackles, cliff swallows, + eastern kingbirds flew close to the nest often + the bird ignored them until the young hatched then the bird became aggressive + chased after them. The bird was very tolerant of fisherman who came in under the nest. It would fly off the nest but then return immediately after feeding even if the fisherman were still under the nest.

Describe all field marks observed: size, color, pattern, shape, bill, etc. Describe any unique features this bird had.

Six inches in length. Black head back + chest. White belly + undertail coverts white on chest formed inverted V. Bill narrow + black wings. Black - white edge on primaries visible in good light some rust color visible on edge of secondaries

Underwing. Blackish brown + grey.

Tail slightly forked. Long + narrow. Black. White edge of outer feathers was visible in good light

Head. Had a slight crest to it and slight rust color edging it.

What song or sounds did it make?

No call heard until June 26

A short chirp - made with insect in her mouth which she then fed to young

Field marks not seen. Why not?

Variation from expected field marks

List similar species. Why and how did you eliminate them?

State colored Junco - The Phoebe's bill was long + black instead of short + light there was only a faint trace of ~~any~~ white on the outer tail feathers. The Phoebe was longer + slenderer than a Junco.

Eastern Kingbird - Phoebe had black throat + chest + no white on bottom of tail

Black Throated blue warbler - no white wing patch.

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

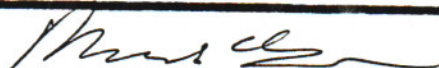
I've only seen one other Black Phoebe in Phoenix Az.

I've observed many dark eyed Juncos

Name (print)

Mark C. Yaeger

Signature



Street address, city & zip

113 W. Evans Pueblo, Co. 81084

Telephone

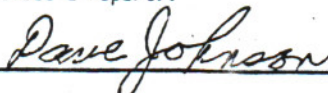
543-2724 ~ 545-8407

Corroborating observers not reporting separately (but encourage them to provide a report):

Name

Dave Johnson

Signature



Street address, city & zip

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