

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM Accepted

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

Species: Black Phoebe (Vernacular Name) Sayornis nigricans (Scientific Name)Date(s): 6.21.94Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: Basic adultLocality: Wrayan - old iron bridge 1 mi West of town Elevation: 5000'Nearest town: Wrayan County: MontroseTime(s) observed: 1210 - 1215 (3 sightings) Day light SavingsDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 1 min. + 30 sec. + 30 sec.

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

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

Coen Dexter, Grand Junction.Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light): Clear skies.
Full shade to full sun - overhead Temp-95-100'Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Swarovski Binov 8x56 / Kowa TSN-4 20-60xDistance, and how measured: 80 yds (scoped) est. to 40 yds (observed nest) est.

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): Bird seen sitting/standing under bridge on rock wall that forms river bank. Scoped in shade; bird then flew down to nest approx 20 yds downstream (full sun); flew up to grassy, shrubby rim of wall, foraged among dead grass & dead weeds; flew back to nest; flew away, downstream.
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 observed in the field:Small, compact size with proportionately sized tail. Striking black & white plumage: Black upperparts, head, throat, breast, and sides, white belly & undertail coverts. Small pointed bill, dark eyes, erect posture, then flitting out into sun to fly catch. darknest: Size of large cantaloup melon (4 section) plastered to sandstone wall that makes up north bank of San Miguel River. Cupped nest

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Description (continued):

was made of mud and dried grass - 20 yds down-stream from old iron bridge. Nest located 6 ft. above rushing stream, 7-8' below rim ^{vertical} of wall and grassy flats with cactus, sage + willow shrubs.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): none

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

Small to large willows along San Miguel River. Dried grass, sage, prickly-pear cactus; under and near old iron, one-lane bridge, now closed to auto traffic, spanning San Miguel River.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Blk-white distinct pattern unique as is location and style of nest.

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

Black Phoebe
April 1992 - Sonoma Creek, Ariz; 1.93 New Mexico
Madera Canyon, Ariz
4/93 Texas

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

- a) at time of observation: Nat. Geo. Field guide to N.A. Birds - Confirmed I.D.
b) after observation: Audubon Soc. Encyclopedia of N.A. Birds } and nest description.

This report was written from ^{notes} reports made during X, after observation _____ from memory _____

Date and time report was written: June 28, 1994 8 pm

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