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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD

UNUSUAL RECORD

County record

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

Species: Black Phoebe Sayornis nigricans
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 24 MAY 97Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: _____ Plumage: _____Locality: 1/2 mile marker 84 on US Hwy 149 Elevation: 8200 ft.Nearest town: northeast of LAKE CITY County: GunnisonTime(s) observed: ~ 0700 A.M.Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 5 minutes

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

Rich Levad
2924 Rhonda Lee Road (970) 242-3979
Grand Junction, CO 81503

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):

Birds was on West side of road. Light behind us. Morning light.
Birds was low and in the open.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Binoculars 8x42 LeicaDistance, and how measured: Estimated 10' for first look. Then > 100 ft.

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 first observed on wire of fence near small pond. Later observed on a
rock - it flew out to catch flying insects & returned to the rock on
water shore.

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:

Bird was strong black with contrasting white belly. I first
recognized it while driving down the highway. Backed up to
get a better look. It was immediately on the side of the road.

Description (continued):

A fence. I drove to catch Rich. We returned and walked to the pond. Had good looks at the bird as it worked insects from a low rock. All black bird with strongly contrasting belly. Dark, eye, bill and legs.

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

No call or song given.

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

Ponderosa Pine in surrounding timber. Small pond with high sand rock on the edge. The Lake Fork of the Gunnison river is just across the Hwy in a canyon.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? Slatz-colored Junco has similar color combinations. The Phoebe was very black and it had a black bill.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I've documented the species in Rifle, seen them in Uruan. Observed the species in NEVADA and in Mexico

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: 31 MAY 1997

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This report is being submitted primarily to document the sighting of this species in Gunnison County