

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form**1999 - 96**Results: ACCEPT 7-0Species: Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*) Rcd 9/1/99 wplDate of Occurrence: 8-23-99Number of birds seen 1 Sex ? Plumage ImmatureExact location: West end of Terlesa Ave. at the "Frog Pond"County: Pueblo Nearest town: Colorado City Elevation 6500 ft.Length of observation: 20 minutes Times of observation: 8-8:15 AM + 9:25-9:30 AMOther observers who saw bird: NoneLight conditions: Bird was north of observer under clear skiesOptical equipment used: 10x40 Zeiss binocular - no photos TakenDistance From bird: 25 to 40 feetHabitat: Pond surrounded by dense riparian habitat of cattails, willow, and cottonwoods. Heavily vegetated stream runs close to north side of pond. Agricultural fields to west of above riparian areas, open fields to east of area, Two residences south of riparian area.Bird's behavior:Bird was Flycatching from dead trees standing on south side of pond. It would frequently wag its tail especially after landing on perches. It gave a sharp high pitched "chip" note.Bird's description: Solid black head, chest, and tail blended into brownish black back. Belly and undertail coverts were white. Black tail was trimmed along sides by narrow white line. Wings were dark and blackish but with two buffy wing bars. Primaries had white edgings visible on perched birds. Eye was black; bill was short, slim, and black. Legs were black. Tail extended well beyond wings. This bird was noticeably larger than nearby Western Wood Pewees.Similar species: Eastern Kingbird has white Throat and breast.Slate-colored Junco has thick light-colored bill, broader white edges on outer tail feathers, light colored legs, and about same size as Wood Pewee.Sources: National Geographic Field Guide, 3rd editionPrior experience: I have seen many Black Phoebe's in Arizona & a few in Colorado. I have seen many Eastern Kingbirds and Slate-colored Juncos.Report made from notes during and after observationDate of report 8-24-99 Reporting observer: David Silverman Signature David SilvermanReporting observer's address: P.O. Box 362 Rye CO 81069