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CFO-RC FILE #: 2001-008
RESULTS:

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

(Please print or type. Attach photographs, drawings, and additional pages if necessary.)

8-29 Aug 01

Species: Black phoebe (BLPH) Sayornis nigricans
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s) of observation: 8/21/01, storm moving in from north, wind 10N, 70 FNumber of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: subadult (Sibley pg. 330)Exact location: Dike Road, GPS readings N 39° 04.418' W 108° 35.405'County: Mesa Nearest town: Grand Junction Elevation: 4575 ftLength of observation: 30 seconds Times(s) of observation: 1930 hrsOther observers who saw the bird(s) with you: noneOther observers who independently saw the bird(s): none ?Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's position): overcast with storm moving inOptical equipment used: B + L Elites 10x42Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 40 ftWas bird photographed?: NO If so, have you submitted photographs? -Who took the photographs? -

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred:

"Open riparian" of Tamarisk, Russian olive, Fremont cottonwood along bank of Colorado River

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification):

Bird moved into area, perched, and foraged like a flycatcher. My first thoughts (before using binoculars) were of a kingbird or pewee

Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird(s) in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings, and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Describe other details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes):

whole body was charcoal/black except for belly, which was white. Slightly lighter cast to wings hinted of juv. plumage, but I'm not certain about this.

Describe bird's call or song:

none

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

I don't know of any other black flycatchers where neck & chest are black, belly whiteWhat is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? this species =>① southern/coastal California - November 2000② San Miguel River (Montrose County), CO with Coen Dexter 8/12/2001

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):

Sibley, Petersons (western), NGS - confirmed how much of this species is black in upper bodyThis report was made from notes made during ✓ or after observation, or later from memory .Date of written report: 8/22/01Reporting observer: Larry Arnold Signature: [Signature]Observer's address: MR. & MRS. LARRY B. ARNOLD
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