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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

SIGHT RECORD FORM

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RESULTS: _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS AND ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY.

SPECIES: Black Phoebe Sayornis nigricans
(COMMON NAME) (SCIENTIFIC NAME)

DATE(S) OF OCCURRENCE: 22 MARCH 1998

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: _____ PLUMAGE: Adult

EXACT LOCATION: Two bridges over San Miguel River at Uravan & Hwy 141

COUNTY: Montrose NEAREST TOWN: Uravan ELEVATION: 75,800 ft

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 10 minutes TIMES(S) OF OBSERVATION: 1430 hrs

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S): _____

LIGHT CONDITIONS [QUALITY; DIRECTION RELATIVE TO BIRD(S); POSITION]:

Bird was in the shade of the canyon wall
S.E. of my position. I was in the shade as well.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED:

8 x 42 B Leica Binoculars

DISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED): 30-40 m

WAS THE BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED: NO IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS? _____

WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? _____

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD(S) OCCURRED:

OVERALL Country Pinon Juniper. Bird in River bottom Riparian.
Cottonwood, Willow, Salt cedar, rabbit brush were noted.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD'S BEHAVIOR (FLYING; FEEDING; HABITS; BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION):

Bird initially seen perched on fence wire. Sallied out over the river, captured a large insect and returned to the fence. The tail flicking motion could be seen. Moved to a new perch, outer twig of a river shrub and continued to Flycatch.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. INCLUDE OVERALL SIZE AND SHAPE, AND HOW YOU PLACED THE BIRD 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(S). 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) :

I did not spend time noting identification of this bird. I observed Flycatching, tail flicking, and the black and white plumage. ENTIRELY Black bird with white line across lower chest. white stomach, contrasting with Black solid upper chest. I was not close enough to note bill or eye color except to see there was no contrasting appearance to the bill. Had slightly pointed head at times visible. We stopped here briefly on Saturday 21 March but did not find the Black Phoebe on that visit.

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM: AT this distance - no white outer tail feathers were seen. Tail all Black when bird sallied, eliminating Junco. AT this distance the Black color eliminated similar behaved Say's Phoebe. Black and white pattern ruled out other Flycatchers. WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES?

I have observed this bird species at this location several times over the past 4 years. Yearly, I observe Black Phoebes with Say's Phoebes in their winter habitat in Overton, NV. Third Black Phoebe observed today. LIST BOOKS, GUIDES, RECORDINGS, OR OTHER SOURCES CONSULTED AND HOW THIS INFLUENCED YOUR IDENTIFICATION (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION) :

Did not consult field guide

THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM NOTES MADE DURING _____ OR AFTER _____ OBSERVATION, OR LATER FROM MEMORY ✓

DATE OF WRITTEN REPORT: 23 MARCH 98

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