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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Species : Black Phoebe Sayornis nigricans
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s) of occurrence : 6 July 1998Number of birds seen : 2 Behavior suggests Sex : 1m 1f Plumage : _____Exact location : Big Gypsum Valley at bridge where 20.R Road crosses Dolores RiverCounty : San Miguel Nearest town : Slick Rock Elevation : 5,700 ft.Length of observation : ~ 2 hours Times(s) of observation : 13:00 - 15:00Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: STEVE BOYLE Rachel Reichardt

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s) : _____

Light conditions [quality; direction relative to bird(s); position] : Clear sky, we sat on sand bar sun at backs and watched the birdsOptical equipment used : 8 x 42B Leica binocularsDistance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted) : Range 20m - 200mWas the bird(s) photographed : — If so, have you submitted photos? —Who took the photographs? —Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred : Birds along & over the river near large sandstone boulders undercut by water. Riparian habitat, willows, tamarisk present. General habitat Greasewood - P.J.Describe the behavior of the bird(s) (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification) : Birds always close to each other. Often perched on twig over water. Fly catching in sects from perch & Chasing each other often.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(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) : Bird similar size & shape of Say's Phoebe but only lower chest & belly white. Rest of bird Black. Boldly colored. Phoebe - Flycatcher behavior as catching insects from twig perch over water. The pair when together were very close in proximity. When perched Flicked their tails.Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them : Dippers similar in dark coloration & habitat but our birds perched erect on twigs & had white lower chest & stomach. Junco's similar in coloration but not habitat or behavior.What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Have seen similar colored species commonly - Junco, Magpie, towhee, dipper. Observe Say's Phoebe & Black Phoebes yearly on their winter habitat in Overton, NV and see Colorado Phoebes yearly.List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation) : Did not consult field guideThis report was made from notes made during ☒ or after _____ observation, or later from memory _____.Date of written report : 12/26/98 Reporting observer : Kim M. Potter Signature : Kim M. PotterReporting observer's address : 440 East 7th Street, Rifle, CO 81650

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Comments : we did not investigate but assumed they were a pair & probably had nest at Sandstone boulders.