

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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

Have access to the internet? PLEASE use our online form at: <http://www.cfo-link.org/CBRC/login.php5>

Species: (Common Name) *Bombcilla*

(Scientific Name) Cedar waxwing

Date(s) of observation: 12-7-10

Number of birds seen: up to 30 Sex: ?

Plumage: winter

Exact location: 840 S Garfield St. Den, CO

County: DENVER

Nearest town: DENVER

Elevation: 5280

Length of observation: 2 hours approx.

Time(s) of observation: 10 AM - 12 PM

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: ~~none~~ Cheryl Chessick.

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): - N/A

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: great light 25 to 30 feet away

Optical equipment used: Nikon binoculars

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 25-30 feet, I hid behind a bush.

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? BACK YARD

If so, are you submitting photos? yes

Who took the photograph(s)? Sharon Pfeifer (cannon 30 D)

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: they came to the water fountain in the center of the yard trees to fountain - back + forth always in a group

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, hab flying, turning, frantic motion coming + going constantly for almost 2 hours

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):

6 1/2 - 7 1/2 inches, sleek, crested, light brown, black mask yellow tips on tail feathers, hard red tips on secondary wing feathers. thicker bill, short, underparts soft pale yellow, white under tail. dark under chin, white line runs from bill back under eye

Describe the bird's call or song: tsee tsee high pitched

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them (note: this is also an extremely important part of the report):

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING SIMILAR IN MY YARD

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen this bird several times along streams + in trees, never in my back yard

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation) National Audubon Society, Smithsonian Birds of North America

This report was made from (check one) ☒ notes made during observation ☐ notes made after observation ☐ later from memor

Date of written report: 12-14-10

Reporting observer: Sharon Pfeifer

Signature:

Reporting observer's address: 840 S Garfield St

City: DEN

State: CO

Zip: 80209

Send report to: Larry Semo, CBRC Chair, 9054 Dover Street, Westminster, CO 80021

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Light condition: great light 25 to 30 feet away

Optical equipment used: Nikon binoculars

Distance to bird: 25-30 feet

Bird photographed: yes submitting photos: yes

Who took the photograph: Sharon Pfeifer

Describe general habitats in which bird occurred: they came to the water fountain in the center of the backyard –went back and forth from trees to the fountain

Describe the birds in detail. 6 ½ - 7 ½ inches, sleek crested, light brown, black mask with yellow tips on tail feathers, hard red tips on secondary wing feathers. Thicker bill, short, under parts, soft pale yellow, white under tail. Dark under chin, thin white line runs from bill back under eye.

Describe bird's call: tsee tsee high pitched

Discuss similar species and how eliminated: Bohemian Waxwing: smaller, browner and yellow belly

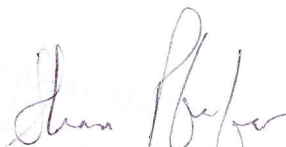
What has been your prior experience with this species: I have seen this bird several times along streams and in trees, never in my back yard

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Date of written report: 12.14.10

Reporting Observer: Sharon Pfeifer

Signature:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sharon Pfeifer", written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Reporting observer's address: 840 s. Garfield st. Denver, Colorado 80209