

UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS  
SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING

RECORD DOCUMENTATION *Rev 2/1/93 - 008*

1983-18 ufo

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Lat/long \_\_\_\_\_ Reporter \_\_\_\_\_ Sci Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Habitat \_\_\_\_\_ Record type \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. 83-008  
 Date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Cx Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

Common Name Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
 Scientific Name Coccyzus americanus  
 Sighting date 22 April 83 time 11:10 AM duration 2 songs.  
 Distance from bird 50 yds.  
 Light conditions clear, sunny.  
 Optical equip. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Photo. equip. not seen.  
 Number of this species seen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes made at time of sighting  Date this report was prepared. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes made later from memory   
 Photo available  Photo enclosed

Weather at time of this observation.  
clear, sunny.  
 Prior weather & number of days since change:  
Stormy for previous 2 Days.  
 Locality  
Ivins Reservoir, Washington County, Utah.

Male  Adult  Age unk.  Basic Plumage  Light Phase   
 Female  Subadult  ♀ or Imm  Breeding  Dark Phase   
 Sex Unk.  Juv/Imm  \_\_\_\_\_ year bird  Eclipse  Molting

Description of bird. Size, Colors, all field marks: OBSERVED - Unique features of this bird, if any.

I heard 2 complete cuckoo songs but could not locate the bird amid the tent caterpillars in the fully leafed out cottonwoods. It would not respond to taped calls.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

Bird NOT seen.

Variations from expected field marks.

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

This song is rather unique.

Behavior of this bird. Include names of other birds with this one and any interaction.

Perched, (Hidden!) High in cottonwoods growing along margin of Reservoir. I assume it was feeding on the huge numbers of web worms. We looked (Birdy students) for 45 minutes w/o success. Populus fremontii

Habitat this location and near by or adjacent habitat if significant.

Small Cottonwood grove alongside small Reservoir in SW Utah Desert,

Describe birds song or sounds.

Long song, slower + more guttural toward end, sort of ~~like~~ like it is swallowing its words. At least 15 syllables in song.

Names of other observers. A/C + phone

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I have seen + heard yellow billed's 5 times in Utah, in the Midwest and in S.E. Arizona. This is by far the earliest I have ever encountered one.

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