

UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING RECORD DOCUMENTATION

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Lat/long _____	Reporter _____	Sci Name _____	
Habitat _____	Record type _____	Serial No. _____	83-020
Date/time _____	Disposition _____	Cx Nos. _____	83021/022

Common Name <u>American Redstart</u>	Weather at time of this observation.
Scientific Name <u>Setophaga ruticilla</u>	<u>Clear and sunny</u>
Sight date <u>May 15, 1983</u> time <u>approx 1100</u> duration <u>Several minutes</u>	Prior weather & number of days since change
Distance from bird <u>20-25 feet</u>	<u>Not known.</u>
Light conditions <u>excellent</u>	Locality
Optical equip. <u>8x30 binoculars</u>	<u>Beaver Dam Wash</u>
Photo. equip. <u>—</u>	<u>200 meter west of Lytle ranch house.</u>
Number of this species seen <u>one</u>	Notes made at time of sighting <input type="checkbox"/> Date this report was prepared.
Notes made later from memory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>June 17, 1983</u>
Photo available <input type="checkbox"/> Photo enclosed <input type="checkbox"/>	

Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Age unk. <input type="checkbox"/>	Basic Plumage <input type="checkbox"/>	Light Phase <input type="checkbox"/>
Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Subadult <input type="checkbox"/>	♀ or Imm <input type="checkbox"/>	Breeding <input type="checkbox"/>	Dark Phase <input type="checkbox"/>
Sex Unk. <input type="checkbox"/>	Juv/Imm <input type="checkbox"/>	2/3 year bird <input type="checkbox"/>	Eclipse/Winter <input type="checkbox"/>	Molting <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Warbler sized bird, with thin dark warbler bill. Head, back and breast all black. Wings and tail black with orange patches on both wing and tail. Orange bright in color. Patches on tail on outer part of tail, tail at tip all black band.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

None

Variations from expected field marks.

None

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

I know of no other warbler so patterned.

It is all field mark,

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

Feeding + flitting around leaves of small (20 ft) tree - deciduous.

Bird always about 5-8 feet above ground. Watched bird until it slipped out back side of tree. Typical restart behavior.

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

Desert riparian. Cottonwoods and willows.

Describe birds song or sounds.

None

Names of other observers. A/C+phone#

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Bird 1st seen by David.

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I have seen many American redstarts of both sexes in the midwest. The only western observation of mine was a nesting pair in Glacier Nat. Park, Montana. This is my first

sighting in Utah

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