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VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: American Redstart

Scientific Name: *Setophaga ruticilla*

Date: 11 May 1985 Time: ~ 1030

Length of time observed: 3-4 min.

Number: 1

Age: adult

Sex: male

Location: Beaver Dam Wash, about 1 mile north of Lytle Ranch

Lat/long: 19

Elevation (if known): ~ 2900 ft.

Distance to bird: 20 to 50 ft.

Light conditions: good

Optical equipment: 8x40 binocs

Weather: Clear, no wind, 70°

Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

A small warbler-sized bird about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches long with a small slender bill. Plumage was black except for an orange wing patch at base of primaries & secondaries, an orange patch in front of wing, & orange at the anterior ends of the outer tail feathers. Belly was white.

Voice or call notes and method of delivery: song similar to Yellow Warbler, but shorter, only 3 or 4 notes.

Behavior: Bird was moving through willows about 10-15 feet above ground.

Habitat: Bird was observed in a dense patch of 20-30 foot tall willows.

What similar species might it have been and how were these eliminated:

None.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

I've observed this species many times in eastern states & several times in the west (Wash., Utah, Ariz.)

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

none.

Significance of record in this area or the state: ~~4th~~ record for Beaver Dam Wash, 8th Long record.

Additional material: (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording if available)

Description from notes taken at time of sighting \_\_\_\_\_ notes made later  from memory \_\_\_\_\_

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