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Verification of Unusual Sight Record

Common Name: Rose-breasted Grosbeck Scientific Name: *Pheucticus ludovicianus*

Date: May, 24, 1986 Time: 12 PM Length of time observed: 3 minutes

Number: 1 Age: adult Sex: female

Location: Kaufman Ranch  
Black Rock, Millard Co

Lat/long: Elevation:

Distance to bird: 20 feet Light conditions: sunny

Optical equipment: 7x35 binoculars

Weather: calm, sunny

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

Large finch with a gigantic, conical bill

Light median stripe  
white ~~ey~~ line over and behind eye

two wing bars

Under parts - throat whitish

breast and flanks streaked rather  
heavily with dark brown streak

belly was white, under the streaks  
across breast was a very light  
wash. but generally the underparts  
background color was white

Voice or call notes:

Behavior: Feeding a large tree (part of a long line)

Habitat: isolated ranch. it was in a large tree part of a wind break.

Describe what specific features you saw or heard that caused you to reach your conclusion:

heavily streaked breast, light background

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

Black-headed Grosbeak (female) These birds are much orange/buff on underparts and the fine streaking is usually more confined to the sides + flanks

What experience have you had with this and similar species: Last fall I went with Jim Wolf to the U of U Museum and spent considerable time looking at female BT Grosbeak study skins. They are quite different than the bird seen in the field.

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

U of U study skins. (Previously Lehman + McLaskie)

Significance of record in this area or the state:

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

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

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