

UTAH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: ROSE-BREASTED GROSSBEAK Scientific Name: *THEUCTICUS LUDOVICIANUS*

Date: MAY 10, 1988 Time: 5:34 PM Length of time observed: 6 MIN.

Number: 1 Age: BREEDING Sex: MALE

Location: KIWANIS PARK ON THE OGDEN RIVER, 1/4 MILE WEST OF HARRISON BLVD., OGDEN, WEBER CO.

Latilong: 2 Elevation (if known): Approx 4220

Distance to bird: 10 ft. to 150 ft Light conditions: excellent

Optical equipment: BINOC'S 10x50 - WAS NEAR ENOUGH AT ONE POINT FOR BARE-EYE DESCRIPTION

Weather: WARM, CLEAR

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

BIRD WAS APPROXIMATELY THE SIZE OF THE ACCOMPANYING B.H. GROSSBEAKS.

BLACK HEAD, THROAT, NECK AND TAIL. WHITE SPOTS WERE VISIBLE ON THE INNER WEBS OF THE CORNER TAIL FEATHERS. LOWER BACK WAS CLEAN WHITE WITH MOTTLING OF BLACK ON THE UPPER TAIL COVERTS. BELLY; FLANKS & UNDERTAIL COVERTS WERE WHITE, WITH A BRIGHT RED TRIANGULAR PATCH BORDERING ON THE BLACK THROAT. ^{UPPER} WINGS WERE BLACK WITH A WHITE SHOULDER PATCH AND A WHITE PATCH AT THE BASE OF THE PRIMARIES. IN FLIGHT THIS WHITE PATCH SHOWED QUITE PROMINENTLY AS DID A RED AXILLAR PATCH

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

NO CALL WAS HEARD

Behavior:

WAS GLEANING THE SQUAW BRUSH FOR EITHER INSECTS, OLD SEEDS, OR FLOWERS

Habitat: RIPARIAN WITH MIXED SQUAW BRUSH & GAMBLE OAK ON THE STEEPER BANK N.  S.

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

B.H. GROSSBEAK - THE BRIGHT RED UPPER BREAST AGAINST A PURE WHITE BELLY & LOWER BREAST WAS MUCH DIFFERENT THAN THE BRANGISH UNDERPART OF A B.H. GROSSBEAK, FEMALES WOULD HAVE BEEN A MORE DIFFICULT CHOICE!

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

NONE WITH ROSE-BREADED, BUT TONS WITH BLACK-HEADED

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

THE BIRD WAS CUT & DRIED IN MY MIND BUT I CHECKED OUT THE NAT. GEO. TO SEE IF THERE COULD HAVE BEEN HYBRIDIZATION

Significance of record in this area or the state:

OCCASIONAL VISITOR

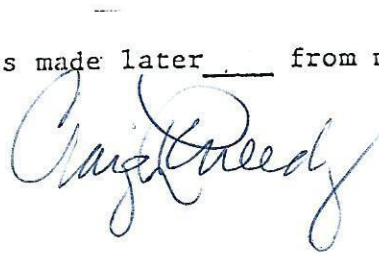
Additional material: (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording if available)

NONE

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

Observer: CRAIG L. KNEEDY

Signature:



Address: 314 S. 4500 W.

WEST POINT, UTAH 84015

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NO ONE THAT I KNOW OF

Date prepared: 6/9/88

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