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Bird Records Committee:

I am submitting this record in behalf Jim and Jeanne Redd; Santa Fe 104-9, Blanding, Utah, 84511. There are two enclosed photos which Mrs Redd took. Of them only one is diagnostic and useful. Mrs. Redd indicated that we are welcome to the negatives of the photos should we want them.

Jim Redd is a physician in Blanding. He has lived in Arizona (I think he told me Phoenix) and has hunted quail in Arizona. He has a relatively good knowledge of birds. As an indication, has a pond with ducks on it and when a female wood duck appeared on his pond where he has male wood ducks he has enough knowledge to recognize it as an uncommon bird in Utah and called me to find out just how uncommon wood ducks were in Utah.

On 9 Nov 19917 about 2:00 pm the Redds noticed a small flock of three scaled quail on their back yard near a wood pile. The Redds live out of Blanding as short distance and their house is surrounded more-or-less by native vegetation. The quail have remained in that area since they arrived and seem to roost overnight in the wood pile. Jim was aware of people in that part of Utah that kept pheasants in captivity, in Blanding or Monticello, so he called every one he knew to see if those people by chance had also kept scaled quail and lost them. None had nor were they aware on anyone in that corner of Utah that did in the past or now have captive quail. Jim is aware of other quail in parts of Utah further to the west but he has never seen them around Blanding. Scaled quail occur at not too distant locations in New Mexico.

The one photo shows the diagnostic "cotton " top of the quail and with a magnifying glass and in good light one can see the others quail quite well. As a voting member of the committee I am convinced they are scaled quail and Jim has convinced me that they are not escaped "captive" quail.

Clayton White