

Verification of Unusual Sight Record for Utah

Common Name: Northern Cardinal Scientific Name: Cardinalis cardinalis
 Date: 5-13-99 Time: 7:12 pm Length of Time Observed: 30 min.
 Number: 1 Age: _____ Sex: Male
 Location: (Backyard) 767 So. 1030 E, Orem, UT 84097
 Lat/long: _____ Elevation: _____
 Distance to Bird: 10 feet
 Weather: clear
 Light Conditions: good early evening light
 Detail Description of Bird: See field guides

Song or Call and Method of Delivery: _____

Behavior: Nervous - The male always shows first & then leaves while the female comes - They alternate several times before showing themselves together.

Habitat: Backyard cottonwoods - but fairly dense - 2 blocks west of Provo River (in Riverbottoms). Feeders in yard

Similar Species and How Were They Eliminated: Both the male & female look exactly like the ones pictured in the field guides.

Previous Experience with this and Similar Species: This male and his mate have been coming to my backyard since April 30, 1997 - They come in late morning and early evening usually staying 20-30 min for about two weeks each time.

References Consulted: Audubon Field Guide, Nat'l Geographic Field Guide

Description From:

Notes Taken at Time of Sighting Notes Made Later From Memory

Observer: Brenda Norris Signature: Brenda Joyce Norris

Address: 767 So. 1030 East

City: Orem State: UT Zip: 84097

Other Observers who Independently Identified this Bird: _____

Several of my daughters have observed this pair over the last two years.

Date Prepared: July 13, 1999

Additional Material: Photo Drawing Tape Other

Return This Form To: Utah Rare Bird Committee, 3868 Marsha Dr., West Valley City, UT 84120

* Until I read McIvor's Birding in Utah last week I did not know seeing this pair of Cardinals was uncommon. 387