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Appendix II

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS
FOR
THE UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES' RECORDS

Species: Eastern Blue Jay; _____
(Common name) (Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future birds students--those studying occurrences 50 years from now--must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Date(s): 12-25-82 thru late May, 83 Time Bird Seen: frequent visitor to feeder to _____

Locality: Mt. Olympus Cove - north end

SW corner Parkview & Foubert
Nearest town, county and state
Next door neighbor reports seeing it in late June

Optical equipment: _____

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: hand held

35 mm Minolta XG 7

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: _____ Plumage: _____

Light conditions: _____

Distance from bird, and how measured: 6" to 8'

Describe the bird's overall behavior: willing to compete
with scrub and stellar's jays for sunflower
seeds, but not as aggressive as in
Ohio. Not familiar with sweet
wash bag.

APPENDIX II (Cont.)

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

woody residential neighborhood

Other observers who independently identified this bird (please list name and address):

Tom Neal, 4084 Foubert Av.
Jay Abramowitz, Mt. Olympus Dr.
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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough). Describe what you actually saw in the field.

See photograph

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery--i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

Unique blue jay scream, also guttural "chortle"

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Nothing else like

Prior experience with this and similar species:

Lived in East for 40 years - common, but pretty pest.

This report was written from notes made during _____ after _____ observation; from memory .

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