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VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Eastern Blue Jay

Scientific Name:

Date: Jan 8, 1986 Time: about 130 PM

Length of time observed: 1 hr.

Number: 1

Age:

Sex:

Location: 4570 Wallace Lane
Holladay, Utah

Latilong:

Elevation (if known): about 4800

Distance to bird: 20 feet - 30 feet

Light conditions: Sunny daylight

Optical equipment: naked eye, Binoculars (Bushnell)

Weather: Clear January Thaw

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

No mistaking, this was an eastern blue jay. I am familiar with eastern jays. It was flying with 1 stellar jay and several ^{scrub-} ~~star~~ jays. Has a very different call. Was eating sunflower seeds from feeder and acorns from ground. Feeder was hanging in scrub oak.

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

Behavior: Usual jay behavior. Loud and aggressive

Habitat: foothill scrub oak. Suburban neighborhood.
Close to Wasatch Blvd near Mt. Olympus.

What similar species might it have been and how were these eliminated: Steller jay.
Didn't have steller's dark head. Gray face. Gray breast.
White wing bars.

What experience have you had with this and similar species: I have seen these jays everytime I have been back east. Everyone is familiar with this jay through books.

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: None of the above influenced my description. I have been bird watching long enough to know this bird.

Significance of record in this area or the state:

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

Description from notes taken at time of sighting____ notes made later____ from memory____

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

Marilyn Bowthorpe.

Date prepared:

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