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Lat/long _____ Record type _____ Serial No. _____
 Habitat _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name Vermilion FlycatcherScientific Name Purocephalus rubinusObs. date ¹⁹⁸⁶ Oct. 14 & 17 Time(s) 14th 10:15-10:45 A.M.Duration of obs. ^{28th} approx. one hour totalDistance from bird 30-40 ft. up to 150-200 yds.Light conditions Excellent clear on 14th. SlightlyOptical equip. 7x50 Tasco Binocs & Spotting ScopePhoto equip. Rentax & 200 mm lens.

Notes made at time of sighting _____

Notes made later from memory X

Date report prepared

Oct. 17, 1986

Weather at time of this observation.

approx. 70 degrees both days of observation

Prior weather and number of days since change

Bad storms three-four days before sighting.

Locality

Prows, ut. ut. County.
Sp. on 1600 West to where road
dead ends in the Prows Bay portion
of Utah Lake.Enter number of birds
in each category.

Total number observed.

1

GENDER(S)

Males 1

Females _____

♀ or Imms _____

Unknowns _____

AGES(S)

Adults _____

Juv/Imms X

2/3 yr birds _____

Unknowns _____

PLUMAGE(S)

Breeding _____ Transition _____

Eclipse _____ Dark phase _____

Winter _____ Light ph. _____

Other _____

PHOTO(S)

Available _____

Enclosed XDescription of bird: Size, colors, all field marks OBSERVED. - Unique features of this individual, if any.Size - Approx. 5½ - 6"Color - Brownish-black back, brownish head with red fleck.
Tail was darker than back.White throat, brownish streaked upper breast with
red (not as brilliant as in adult male) belly & under
tail coverts throughout. The red was even on the
breast, but more diffuse with a single narrow
area down the upper middle with no red - just
brownish streaking.Bill was dark & "flycatcherish".
Dark legs.Behavior, habitat, coloration all fit for this species.
Couldn't be anything else.

marks which were not seen. Why not?

None

Variations from expected field marks.

None

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

No similar species unless you consider an immature male house finch which doesn't have any red on belly & undertail coverts, is brown on back, streaked below & has light colored heavy seed-eating bill.

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

Fed on insects 10-20 feet above the ground, then sometimes went low to the ground. On the 17th it was foraging from a high perch on five or six big trees about 40 or 50 feet above the ground frequently returning to same perch. Yellow-rumped Warblers, House Finches & Red-winged Blackbirds were in the same trees on different times, but no obvious interaction noted between them.

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

Scattered vegetation, big & small trees with no leaves, all on mud flats near water on north shore of Howe Bay (Ut. Lake).

Describe bird's song or sounds.

None given or heard.

Print reporter's name, address, phone number.

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Signature

Merrill Webb

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I have seen the adult male & female at Beaver Dam Wash 2-3 times each year for the last three years, & also have seen adult male in Southern Arizona.

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

Bob Parsons

Print Name

Signature

Jim Matheson

Print Name

Signature

Jan Cooper

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Ricky Liu

Print Name

Signature