

## UTAH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

COMMON NAME: Bronzed Cowbird

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Molothrus aeneus*

DATE: 5/2/96 TIME: 6:30 P.M. LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 10 minutes

NUMBER: 1 AGE: Adult SEX: Female

LOCATION: Washington - Utah  
174 East 300 North

LAT/LONG: ?

ELEVATION: App. 2,800 ft.

DISTANCE TO BIRD: 25 feet

WEATHER: Clear

LIGHT CONDITIONS: Very good

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BIRD:

From previous notes: "It had bright red-orange [irises] and was slightly larger than my usual Brown-hdd. Cowbirds. Its beak was longer and sharper than the Brown-headed cowbirds. It was reddish-brown with a paler grayish head. It had a slight ruff of feathers on the back of the neck."

SONG OR CALL AND METHOD OF DELIVERY:

None heard

BEHAVIOR:

Foraged on ground like other cowbirds. Tail <sup>was</sup> stuck up in air.

HABITAT:

Open backyard near corrals-

SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW WERE THEY ELIMINATED:

Brown-headed Cowbird: It had a red-orange iris, was ~~at~~ larger, and had a ~~steeper~~ sharper bill.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES:

I have Brown-headed cowbirds at my feeder regularly.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

Peterson - Western Field Guide

DESCRIPTION FROM: NOTES TAKEN AT TIME OF SIGHTING ☒, NOTES MADE LATER \_\_\_\_\_,  
FROM MEMORY \_\_\_\_\_

OBSERVER: Joshua Kreitzer

SIGNATURE: Josh Kreitzer

ADDRESS: 174 East 300 North

CITY: Washington

STATE: Utah

ZIP: 84780

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

Steve Summers  
Dave Thompson  
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DATE PREPARED: 8-2-97

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL: PHOTOS ☒, DRAWING \_\_\_\_\_, TAPE \_\_\_\_\_, OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

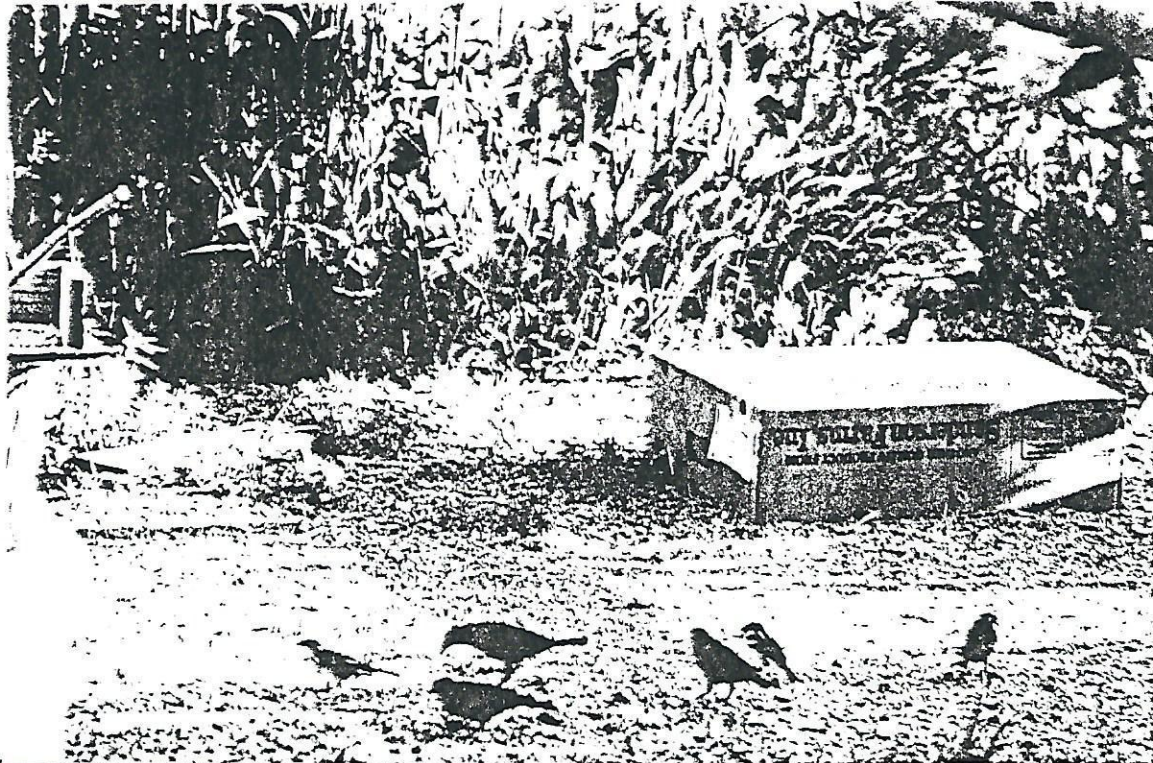
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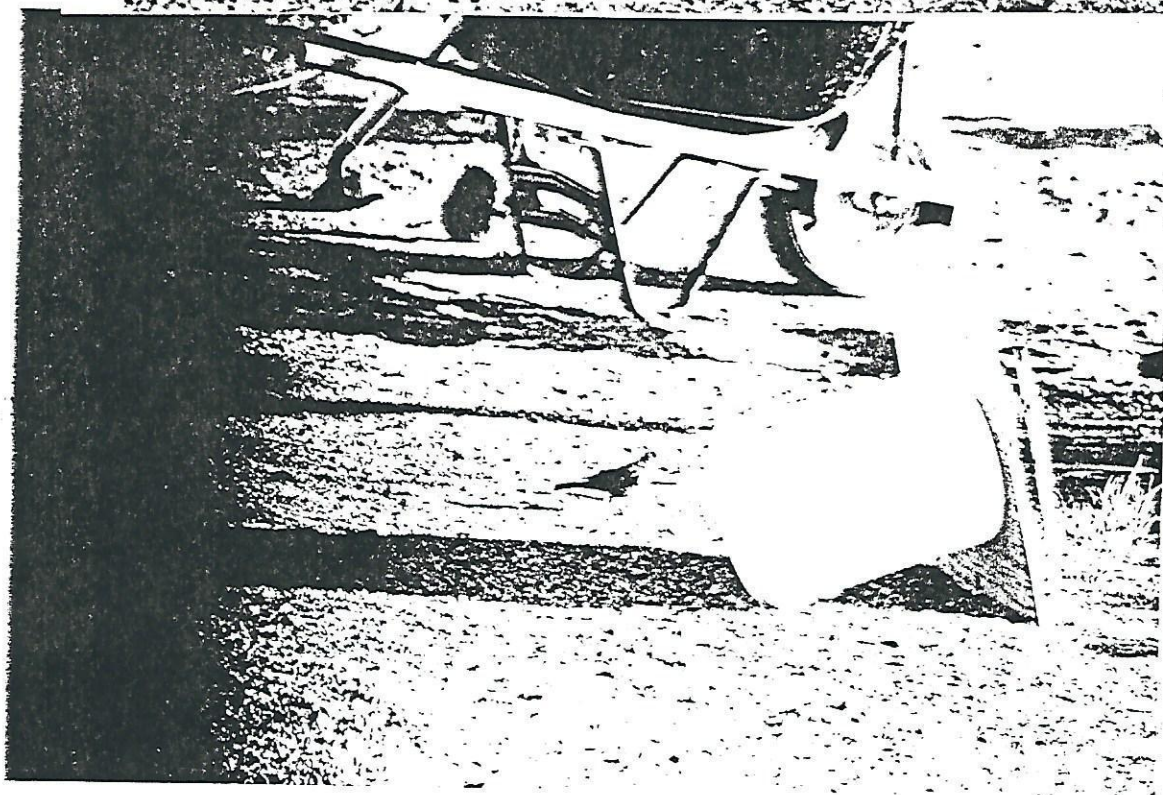


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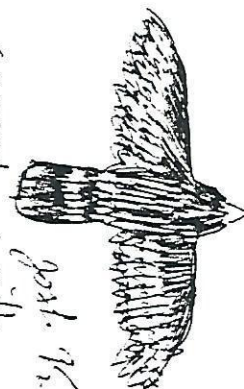


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Saved with  
Ospreys,  
Red-tailed



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Red-tailed  
Hawk

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