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VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

COMMON NAME: Canyon Towhee

SCIENTIFIC NAME:

DATE: 1/7/2000 TIME: 9:30 LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 5 min.NUMBER: 1 AGE: SEX:LOCATION: Hatch Trading Post Parking Lot

LAT/LONG:

ELEVATION:

DISTANCE TO BIRD: 15 ft.WEATHER: Cold + Clear 0° at Hovenweep in A.M.LIGHT CONDITIONS: ExcellentDETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BIRD: See video

SONG OR CALL AND METHOD OF DELIVERY:

BEHAVIOR: Feeding, flying, looking at us.

HABITAT: Desert Rocky hills + irrigated agriculture

SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW WERE THEY ELIMINATED:

See video

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES:

15 years with various towhees

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

National Geographic 3rd Edition

DESCRIPTION FROM: NOTES TAKEN AT TIME OF SIGHTING____, NOTES MADE LATER____,
FROM MEMORY____ video

OBSERVER: Dana Green

SIGNATURE: Dana Green

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STATE: UT ZIP: 84065

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

Patrick Murphrey (my 28yr old son)
Later Terry Sadler re-located the bird.

DATE PREPARED: 2/19/2000

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL: PHOTO____, DRAWING____, TAPE____, OTHER video

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Canyon Towhee
Hatch Trading post Jan 12, 2000
Reported by Terry Sadler

Bird sighted around noon on Jan 12, 2000 at Hatch Trading post. Bird first reported seen by Dana Green who got video of the bird the week earlier. Located the Towhee with a flock of white crown sparrows near a large Bush on the North Side of Hatch Trading post. The Towhee stayed in the bush but would pop out occasionally and sit on the fence wire for a few seconds then move back into the bush. The Canyon Towhee was larger than the white crown sparrows. It was grayish brown overall with a long dark tail and dark wings. The Towhee had a prominent reddish crown and orange Red undertail coverts. The Towhee had a different buffy eye ring, ^{buffy throat,} a whitish belly and a different dark spot on the breast. Other birds that might be confused with the Canyon Towhee included the Copit Towhee which is darker overall does not have the red crown does not have the whitish belly and dark spot on the breast. Abert's Towhee has a dark mask does not have the red crown & other features noted in the description of the Canyon Towhee. Green-Tailed Towhee is greenish-olive above, has a white throat as opposed to a buff throat does not have the whitish belly dark breast spot or pale eye ring. Photos are included.