

# New Mexico Ornithological Society

## Bird Records Committee Submittal Form

### New Mexico Rare/Unusual Bird Report

**1. Species:** Carolina Wren

**2. Number:** 2

**3. Location:** Bosque del Apache NWR

**4. Date(s):** 12/15/12

**5. Time(s):** 7:30 AM

**6: Reporting observer:**

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**7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:** None.

**8. Other observers who independently identified the bird:** These birds were seen and heard by Raymond VanBuskirk, Jason Kitting, and Beth Hurst-Waitz on the count day. These birds have been present in the same area since the late summer of 2011 and seen and/or heard and identified by many, many observers.

**9. Light conditions:** N/A

**10. Optical equipment:** N/A

**11. Distance to bird:** Both sounded like they were 50-75 meters away.

**12. Duration of observation:** I could hear both singing/calling at the same time for about 15-20 seconds. One or both were calling or singing for several minutes, but apart from that one time, I only heard one at a time.

**13. Habitat:** Both appeared to be in dense riparian thickets (willow/cottonwood/salt cedar) along canals, although I can't be sure since I didn't see them.

**14. Behavior:** One was singing and the other (presumably its mate) was calling.

**15. Description:** N/A (heard only).

**16. Voice:** One was singing with the very distinctive “tea-kettle tea-kettle tea-kettle” song. The other was calling at the same time with the unique clear, trilled “trrrr trrrr trrrr” call notes. Later, one or both were calling or singing from time to time.

**17. Similar species:** The call note of a Carolina Wren might be confused with other wren call notes. However, Bewick's, Marsh, and House Wrens all have much buzzier, raspier sounding call notes. The song of a Carolina Wren is very distinctive and not likely to be confused with any other species.

**18. Photographs?** They were not photographed on the day of the count, but have been photographed many times previously.

**19. Previous experience with this species:** I have observed this species many times previously, including these particular birds on many occasions.

**20. Aids:** None needed.

**21. This description written from:** Notes taken at time of observation.

**22. Are you positive of your identification?** Yes.

**23. Signature, date & time report written:**

Dave Hawksworth 12/23/12 11:00 AM (Additional info added on 4/28/2013.)