



New Mexico Ornithological Society

Bird Records Committee Submittal Form

New Mexico Rare/Unusual Bird Report

This form is intended as a guide in reporting observations of unusual birds. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all. Leave blank any details not observed. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print in black ink or send electronically. Attach available drawings, photographs (electronic, or slides, prints, video), copies of field notes, etc.; include **all** photos of obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to: Dr. Sartor O. Williams III, New Mexico Bird Records Committee, 1819 Meadowview Dr NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104-2511.
<mailto:sunbittern@earthlink.net> Thank you.

1. Common or scientific name: Killdeer, *Charadrius vociferus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 ad. males in breeding plumage):
4 in adult plumage
3. Locality (include County and distance from nearest named town): Taos Co., Glen Woody, 2 miles ENE from Rinconada
4. Date(s) when seen: Dec. 16, 2012
5. Time(s) of day when seen: 1 PM
6. Reporting observer (include middle initial, address, and e-mail address): Gerald A. Friedman,
515 Calle del Rio, Española, NM 87532, jerry_friedman@yahoo.com
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird: Phyllis Hamrick,
Marilyn Reinbolt, Steve Wickliffe
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird:
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
Cloudy but bright, no noticeable shadows
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Naked eye, Canon 15X stabilized binoculars
11. Distance to bird: About 30 ft.

12. Duration of observation: Few minutes

13. Habitat (general and specific): Muddy short grass near Rio Grande

14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification):
Running and pausing

15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks): Robin-sized, horizontal posture especially when running, plain brown upperparts, white underparts with two black breast bands. Please see photographs.

16. Voice: Descending whistle, *pee-ee*

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations): Other ringed plovers (Semipalmated, Snowy, Piping, Wilson's) eliminated by range, size, double breastband.

18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?): Photographs by Phyllis Hamrick attached

19. Previous experience with this species: Highly familiar since childhood

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc., used in identification a) at time of observation; b) after observation:

21. This description written from: notes made during observation; notes made after observation; memory. Notes made after observation, memory

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes

23. Signature of reporter, along with date and time of writing of this account.
Gerald Friedman, Dec. 19, 2012, 10:30 PM.

It is emphasized that a request for documentation is not an affront, but is an effort to substantiate a record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for all to evaluate.

