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## **CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM**

Submitted as documentation of **(check all that apply):**

**Unusual Species**     **Unusual Date**     **Unusual Habitat**

1. **MOST IMPORTANT:** On back of form give complete details of this observation. Use additional sheets as needed. Include information on the bird's plumage, shape, size, vocalizations, habitat, behavior, etc. Describe exactly what you saw; include photocopies of your original notes and sketches. Name the species that you considered ID contenders; explain how you eliminated them.
2. Count Name: Ray Bowers Count Code: ??
3. Species: Lewis's woodpecker, *Melanerpes lewis* Age: adult  
Sex: ?? #: 1
4. Date (s) of Observation: 20 Dec, 2014 Time: near 3pm to \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Earlier/Later dates by others, if known: There were earlier observations at this sight, but I don't know who or when.
5. Place: The Lewis's woodpecker was seen on private property in some old cottonwood trees east of Dona Ana Rd, south of the Lopez Rd intersection. 14,568 NNW of the intersection of Three Crosses Ave and US 70 in Las Cruces.

Nearest Town: Las Cruces, NM County: Dona Ana

**6. Observer: Ray Bowers**

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**7. Observation Details:**

**Other Observers: Cheryl Lither and JoAnn Hobbie**

**Optics Used: 10X50 binoculars and 7X35 binoculars, and a Nikon D-90 with a 500mm lense with a 1.4x extender**

**Distance From Bird: ??? Viewing Conditions: good**

**Weather, sky cover: partly cloudy**

**Photo Taken? yes, see attached Video? no**

**Sound Recording? no Specimen? Isn't this against the reason for the CBC ??**

**Are these available to the CBC Regional Editor? yes Where are they? See attached images, the originals are with me.**

**8. Past Experience: With this or similar species? I have observed other woodpeckers.**

**9. References or Advice Consulted: The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Western North America.**

**10. Was this report done from notes made during or after observation or from memory? From memory and the attached images.**

**Signature: Raymond E Bowers Date: 12 January, 2015**

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