

CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

Submitted as documentation of (check all that apply):

_____ Unusual Species X 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 Area:** Grant County, NM

3. **Species** - Cassin's Kingbird **Age:** Adult **Sex:** **Number:** One

4. **Date(s) of Observation:** Dec. 20, 2014 **Time:** approximately 1:30 PM

5. **Place:** Tyrone Ridge Rd, west of junction w/ Ridge Rd and just west of bridge

Nearest Town: Silver City **County:** Grant County

6. **Observer** Karen Beckenbach Sonnie Sussillo, & Rachelle Bergmann _

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7. **Observation Details:**

Other Observers: Sonnie Sussillo, & Rachelle Bergmann

Optics Used: Vortex Viper, 10 x 42

Distance From Bird: ~75 ft

Viewing Conditions: Clear and unobstructed

Weather, sky cover: Beautiful day, few high then clouds, almost no wind, temp ~45 F

Photo Taken? no **Video?** no **Sound Recording?** no **Specimen?** NO

8. **Past Experience:** With this or similar species? Common species in our area in the summer

9. **References or Advice Consulted:** Peterson Field Guide for the West, 2010 version

10. **Was this report done from notes made during or after observation or from memory?** Memory, 2 days after observation

Signature Karen Beckenbach

Date Dec 22, 2014

Description: (use additional pages as needed)

The bird in question was perched on a tall dried stick/weed. There was nothing between it and us so was easy to see. The bird would fly out to catch an insect then return to the perch. It was Kingbird size, with varying shades of gray for the back, head and wings, with a yellow belly. The yellow started about 1/3 of the way down from the throat. Above that it was pale gray. When it flew we could see the tail had no white on the outer tail feathers, but had a pale tip. This wasn't very noticeable so we assumed we were looking at a worn bird. Also the patch just under the bill was not as noticeable as in birds in the spring and early summer, also an indication of a worn bird.