

CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

Submitted as documentation of (check all that apply):

Unusual species Unusual date Unusual habitat

1. Count Name: Bosque del Apache Count Code: _____

2. Species House Wren Age _____ Sex # 1

3. Date(s) of Observation 19 Dec Time 0913 to 0914

Earlier/Later dates by others, if known none

4. Place Unit 8 west side Bosque del Apache NWR

Nearest town San Antonio County Socorro

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6. Observation Details:

Other Observers Lynne Braden

Optics used 8x42 Leica binoculars

Distance from bird 50ft Viewing conditions good, bird silhouetted against sky

Weather, sky cover _____

Photo taken? no Video? no Sound recording? no Specimen? no

Are these available to the CBC Regional Editor? N/A Where are they? _____

7. Past Experience: With this or similar species?

House wrens nested on my porch in upstate NY for 7 years. HowR was seen in this same count area 4 or 5 years ago by myself & others.

8. References or advice consulted:

none

9. Was this report done from notes made during or after observation or from memory? memory

10. Notes: 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.

Signature Catherine J. Sandell Date 31 December 2015

Dark brownish wren with a long tail and no discernable eye line. Shape, bill & tail were that of a wren rather than a sparrow or finch as was the behavior - out on a bare branch, flicking its tail from side to side and peering down toward the ground as if something was there. I couldn't hear scolding but the heater was running in the vehicle and there were other birds closer to us chittering (WSP). I looked closely for an eye line as Bewick's wren would be the expected wren given the brushy stream-side habitat but the face was very plain. Tail was too long for a marsh wren & the back was very dark - no noticeable color difference anywhere on this bird.