

Count: **Dixon, NMDI**

Species: **Sage Thrasher** (Unusual Species)

Observation: Dec 14, 2015, Around 3pm; Time of observation ~1 minute

Location: Piñon-Juniper in dry arroyo, Rinconada, Rio Arriba, NM

Observer: **Wyatt Egelhoff** [redknot42@gmail.com](mailto:redknot42@gmail.com)

Other observer: Gene Harrell

Distance from bird: 12-15 feet, Unobstructed View

Weather/Sky Cover: Calm, Partly cloudy, No precipitation.

Photo taken: No photo

Report written by Robert Templeton from interview with second observer and email account from Wyatt (see below).

Here is **Wyatt's narrative**:

Wyatt Egelhoff <redknot42@gmail.com> Mon, Dec 21, 2015 at 11:34 AM

To: Robert Templeton <rtbirds@gmail.com>

Robert,

Details for the Sage Thrasher below.

Sage Thrasher:

A slim tan colored bird approximately the size of a Townsend's Solitaire. Slightly darker upperparts with dark streaking in the breast and belly. Short slightly down curved bill typical of Sage Thrasher. Seen running along the ground near an arroyo and observed sitting in a juniper shrub. Certainly appropriate habitat and with the apparently large crop of juniper berries and (up until this point) relatively mild weather, it seems conceivable for this species to be in the area. This bird was just north of Rinconada in Pinyon/Juniper canyonland.

Hope this is sufficient.

Happy Birding,

Wyatt