

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: Orilla Verde Count Code: _____

3. Species Lewis's Woodpecker Age A Sex _____ # 2

4. Date (s) of Observation 12/16/2015 Time 0903 to 0907
Earlier/Later dates by others, if known _____

5. Place North Talpa / Old Santa Fe Road
Nearest Town Talpa County Taos

6. Observer Bonnie Woods + Jennifer (Jay) Gattin
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7. Observation Details:
Other Observers Kileen Mitchell, Craig Sawn, Kathy Delucas, Anna Bachanville
Optics Used Binoculars - Vortex, Nikon, Celestron, Leupold 10x42
Distance From Bird 50 ft Viewing Conditions Foggy, birds were in vegetation but could be seen
Weather, sky cover Foggy - 7°F
Photo Taken? N Video? N Sound Recording? N Specimen? N

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

8. Past Experience: With this or similar species? yes to both - 2 wildlife biologists + 2 hobby birders in group

9. References or Advice Consulted: group consensus / Sibley's

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

Signature Jennifer L Gattin

Date 12/16/15

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Two woodpeckers were heard + seen in dense riparian vegetation on private land bordering an acequia. Birds were first detected by ear with a tef-kef-kef call. The call reminded us of the Hairy Woodpecker, but it was less sharp. After watching for a few minutes, both birds were observed visually. Although the vegetation blocked a clear view of the bird at once, there was enough snapshot visuals to make a clear observation.

Once silhouetted, it was obvious these birds had the head + bill of a woodpecker. They were similar in size to a Northern Flicker although continued observation revealed an overall darkish body with a gray collar. The coloration and shape of the birds coupled with the call led us to Lewis's Woodpeckers.

In addition, both birds were observed flying from the branches to the ground several times, probably foraging. The birds were never observed foraging on the trees. Their behavior also indicated a LEWD.

old Martins toll

Wind - 1 mph

812 0445392 4024022

23°F

Rock pigeon - 40

BCCH - 1

AMCR - 2 + 11 4

YBMA
Magpie - 1

stop 1 0445061 4023430

North Talpa / old santo fe

ROP1 4H 11 11 + 35 + 5

[Starling - 30 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 15 + 10

DE 3Uz 11 11 11 + 10 + 10 + 5

YBMA = 11 11 11

~~MOGO~~

- NGFL - 11

~~BCCH - 1~~

REHA - 11

EVGR - 10
↑ Grosbeaks

WBNu - 1

MOCH - 8

EUCA 11 11 11

AMRO - 1

AMGO - 11 11

RWBL - 2 + 11

CAFS - 11 3 2 1 - Cassin Finch

0816 - 0813

AMCR 5

Mallard - 2

7 Degrees

~~Harris-Sparrow~~

Song sparrow - 11

Lewis Woodpeck 2

0445299, 4023668

50 ft west

Heard call

Sylt Bonnie 9:03

twice

Main Road

Santa Fe

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2. Count Name: _____ Count Code: _____

3. Species Lewis's Woodpecker Age A Sex # 2

4. Date (s) of Observation 12/16/15 Time 1408 to 1422
Earlier/Later dates by others, if known _____

5. Place Southern Methodist University
Nearest Town Talpa County Taos

6. Observer Jennifer (Jay) Gatlin & Bonnie Woods
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7. Observation Details:
Other Observers Anna Bouchonville, Kathy Delucas, Craig Saurin
Optics Used binoculars - Cabela's, Vortex, Nikon, Leupold 10x42
Distance From Bird #1 80 ft Viewing Conditions clear - no visual obstructions
#2 90 ft
Weather, sky cover clear, 27°F, <1 mph wind
Photo Taken? N Video? N Sound Recording? N Specimen? N

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Bird #1

Detected visually at 1408. Single bird observed perched 1200 feet up in a mature cottonwood tree. Bird was perched on a limb and was not obstructed by any other trees or branches. The field marks were very clear - only glossy green body, pink breast, + gray collar were easy to see. The overall shape was distinctly woodpecker with a long bill and rounded head.

This bird did not vocalize but did leave the perch briefly + returned to the same branch. Other than 2-3 brief flights (presumably foraging on the wing) the bird remained motionless on the perch. Long wings were also distinctive.

In fact, the views of this bird were so clear that we utilized the opportunity to point out field marks for the more inexperienced birders in our group!

Bird #2

Detected visually at 1417. Bird was perched on top of a telephone pole 90 feet away from observers. Bird was first noticed in profile + changed position to face the observers. Bill + head shape + coloration all very distinctive + indicative of LEWO (as observed with bird #1 - color, collar, overall shape). The bird could be seen clearly as there were no visual obstructions. The bird remained perched the entire time. Bird was clearly identified as we just discussed LEWO at the sighting of #1.

There was some discussion if this was the same bird as #1, but after we spotted LEWO #1, we walked due east through an open area. Bird #1 + #2 were at least 600 feet from one another and we never saw any birds fly overhead.

SMU Campus

0448055, 4014623

1350-1438

AMRO-~~11~~ 11=7

27

STSA-1

TOSO-1

MOCH-2+1+1

AMCR-2+5+20+2+20+5+5

NOFL-1+1

Lewis Woodpecker 14:08

0448089, 4014392

80 ft east

DEJU-4+1

Lewis Woodpecker 14:17 190 ft North

0448236, 4014404

chickens ~5

603-536-6101
603-581-8544

Talpa Reservoir

0447391, 4022567

14:49

AMCR-4

WESS-3

DEJU-2+10

AMRO-1

NOFL-1

Starling-50

Morning sky -
foggy

After sky: clear

1500

0 mph wind

37° End

Walked - 5 miles total

Drove - 23.9