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CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

Submitted as documentation of (check all that apply):

X 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: NMOV

3. Species Marsh Wren Age Sex # 1

4. Date (s) of Observation Dec 16, 2015 Time About 2pm.

Earlier/Later dates by others, if known _____

5. Place Blackstone Ranch, in marsh (cattails) area; about ½ mi east of Lower Ranchitos road _____

Nearest Town Taos County Taos _____

6. Observer Robert Templeton _____

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7. Observation Details:

Other Observers Isabella Draper, Tom Jackman, John Lay, Ann Ellen Toumey _____

Optics Used only naked eye observation _____

Distance From Bird 15 ft _____

Viewing Conditions Excellent _____

Weather, sky cover Cloudy, intermittent snow _____

Photo Taken? Video? Sound Recording? Specimen?

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

8. Past Experience: With this or similar species? Roughly 1-2 sightings per year for past 15 years; usually first by sound and then verified visually _____

9. References or Advice Consulted: Sibley's App on one party members smart phone. _____

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

Signature Robert Templeton _____ Date January 8, 2016 _____

Narrative:

The five of us were walking south on a ranch road next to a marsh area. There was standing water and cattails and other typical marsh plants. I heard a repeated djit, djit which I took to be a MAWR. We watched while the individual continued to call a few more times. I got a brief naked eye look as it flew about 10-15ft from one location to another. The tail was showing color, size and angle of a wren.

It was sporadically visible among the base of some reeds for another half minute or so. I was not able to get a view clear view of the back or face.

One of the party who did not have experience with the species played a MAWR recording from her cell phone. The bird responded vocally, but did not show itself ????????????

There was no further sighting or hearing of the bird.