

## **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 Northern Mockingbird Age Adult Sex # 1

4. Date (s) of Observation Dec 16, 2015 Time 3 observations ~ 2-4min each from 12:20pm to 1:10pm and for 1 minute at about 4:15pm about 350 yards downstream.

Earlier/Later dates by others, if known \_\_\_\_\_

5. Place Rio Pueblo de Taos, first just above Lower Ranchitos Road on the Blackstone Ranch, then just below 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 various binoculars

Distance From Bird 30ft, 50ft, 30ft, 100ft at the four sightings

Viewing Conditions Excellent

Weather, sky cover Cloudy, intermittent snow

Photo Taken? Yes, Video? Sound Recording? Specimen?

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

8. Past Experience: With this or similar species? All observers: extensive experience

9. References or Advice Consulted: Sibley's when editing the photographs; none in the field

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 had just entered the Blackstone Ranch when the NOMO flew to a small tree about 30 feet away. Everyone knew instantly what it was and that it was an unusual species. We were only about 100ft from the car, so I went back for my camera. When I returned, the bird had flown.

A few minutes later we observed the bird again just across the Rio Pueblo. That is where the flight photo was made. The observation lasted about 5 minutes. (I was using a new camera that I had only had for two days or we would have had many better photos.)

About a half-hour later we observed the individual again about 100 yards upstream. The two stationary photos are from that sighting.

We walked across the ranch and did not return to our starting point until about 4:00pm. We then went down-stream from the same location. We encountered a NOMO about 350 yards south of the original location (Sighted only by Tom Jackman and me). We took it to be the same individual.

Photos:



