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CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

Submitted as documentation of (check all that apply):

☒ **X** Unusual Species ☐ Unusual Date ☐ Unusual Habitat

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.

Count Name: Orilla Verde Count Code: NMOV

Species Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Age Immature Sex ☐ # 1

4. Date (s) of Observation 12-16-15 Time About 11 a.m.-11:05 a.m.

Earlier/Later dates by others, if known Possibly same bird seen by me on two other occasions in the village of Pilar and submitted to eBird: Dec. 2 and Dec. 13

5. Place Village of Pilar (where I live); seen along village backroad, northward about .1 mile from cafe

Nearest Town _____ County Taos

6. Observer Meg Peterson and three other member of CBC village team

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7. **Observation Details:** There have been two sightings in the previous week and a half of an immature YBSA in the village of Pilar. This one viewed by four birders on a snag in an abandoned field at a distance of about 100 feet. It was observed for about three minutes, but flew off just as we were putting the scope on it. Flew overhead to the top of a juniper on a hill and then dropped from view. An overall pale, brownish individual whose two-striped facial markings were clearly visible. Chin was decidedly whitish, though bird facing south into low-angled full sun. Breast pale brown, but mottling not visible at this distance. White wing-patch indistinct, but darker, blackish back with barring evident as this part of bird facing the northern light. Brown cap.

Other Observers: three other members of CBC Pilar Village team

Optics Used: binoculars, mine was a Pentax 8x42; bird had flown as I was opening scope. Darn!

Distance From Bird 100 feet **Viewing Conditions:** Excellent, but full-on south facing bird may have muted plumage details.

Weather, sky cover Clear and calm

Photo Taken? ☐ **Video?** ☐ **Sound Recording?** ☐ **Specimen?** ☐

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

Past Experience: With this or similar species? Seen on two previous occasions in the OV circle, village of Pilar, in December.

References or Advice Consulted: Christopher Rustay on two previous sightings; Sibley's guide

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

Signature

Date 1-23-16