

CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

Submitted as documentation of **(check all that apply):**

Unusual Species x 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 Area: Grant County, NM

Species - *Patagioenas fasciata*, Band-tailed pigeon **Age:** Adults **Sex:**
Number: about 80-100

4. Date(s) of Observation: Dec. 19, 2015 **Time:** approximately 0930, again at 1130

5. **Place:** 25 Oxbow Dr, approx. GPS HYPERLINK "javascript:void(0)" 32.837318, -108.218397

Nearest Town: Silver City **County:** Grant County

6. Observer: Karen Blisard

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7. Observation Details:

Other Observers:

Optics Used: Swarovski binoculars

Distance From Bird: 50 yds Viewing Conditions: Clear and unobstructed

Weather, sky cover: overcast

Photo Taken? No **Video? No** **Sound Recording? No** **Specimen? NO**

Past Experience: With this or similar species? I routinely have band-tails at my feeder in the summers

References or Advice Consulted: Sibley guide to birds of Western N Am

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

Signature Karen S. Blisard PhD MD

Date 12/24/2015

Description: (use additional pages as needed)

There was a large flock of large pigeon-shaped birds in 3 different trees (pinons and junipers) near my driveway. The birds were a dark gray with no white patch on the wings. On some birds I could see a bit of a white band on the neck. The bills were bright yellow. They all flew at once to farther trees, then flew towards the valley and banked as a large flock, just like band-tails do. I expected they would show up at the feeders, but they haven't.