

## **CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM**

Submitted as documentation of (check all that apply):

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 Area:** Silver City, NM CBC circle

**Species** - *Molothrus ater*, Brown-headed cowbird **Age:** adult **Sex:** Male and Female **Number:** 2 female, 3 male

**4. Date (s) of Observation:** Dec. 18 females, Dec 19, 2015 males **Time:** Female ~ 2:30 PM  
male ~ 10:00 AM

**5. Place:** Females – Silver City Water Treatment Plant, Males – Glenn Ranch fields

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

**6. Observer** Karen Beckenbach

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**7. Observation Details:**

**Other Observers:** Females – none, Males – Grant Weyburne and Sonnie Sussillo

**Optics Used:** Vortex Viper 10X42

**Distance From Bird:** 50 - 100 ft **Viewing Conditions:** clear and unobstructed

**Weather, sky cover:** Mostly sunny, calm, about 45 °F

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

**Past Experience: With this or similar species?** They are in my yard during spring and summer

**References or Advice Consulted:** Females – Peterson Field Guide to Western Birds – 4<sup>th</sup> edition. Males-none

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

**Signature** Karen Beckenbach

**Date** December 27, 2015

**Description:** (use additional pages as needed)

The females were sitting on a telephone pole with many Brewer's Blackbirds. These females were uniformly rusty brown. Their bills were noticeably shorter and generally more conical than the Brewer's bills.

The males were on the ground in a field looking for food along with Brewer's BB. They had brownish heads and blackish bodies. Their eyes were dark.