

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 - *Sturnella magna*, Eastern Meadowlark **Age**: adult **Sex**: **Number**: Six total, but scattered in among various flocks of Western Meadowlarks

4. Date(s) of Observation: Dec. 19, 2015 **Time:** between 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM

5. **Place:** Various locations – near corner of Broken Arrow and Railroad Dr. also Glenn Ranch
Nearest Town: Silver City **County:** Grant County

6. Observer Karen Beckenbach

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7. Observation Details:

Other Observers: 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? Seen a long Separ Rd south of Silver City, where it is almost the only meadowlark species.

References or Advice Consulted: Grant and I conferred on the id of these birds

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 birds were seen on the ground, fences and most significantly flying usually with Western Meadowlarks. The birds we id as Eastern had a significant amount of white in the tail, just a small stripe of brown in the center of the tail. The Western had just a pair of white feathers on the outside the tails, with the brown center stripe being predominate.