

## **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 Area:** Silver City, NM CBC circle

**Species** - *Megascops kennicottii* , Western Screech Owl    **Age:** adult    **Sex:**  
**Number:** One

4. **Date(s) of Observation:** Dec. 19, 2015    **Time:** ~6:00 PM

5. **Place:** My yard, 13 Kilimanjaro Ct.  
approx. GSP, 32.842069, -108.254689

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

6. **Observer**    Karen Beckenbach

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7. **Observation Details:**

**Other Observers:**

**Optics Used:** Vortex Viper 10X42

**Distance From Bird:** ~30 ft    **Viewing Conditions:** was dark but used flashlight to look at Owl box opening

**Weather, sky cover:** Cloudy, calm, just after sunset, about 38 °F

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

**Past Experience: With this or similar species?** This species is a relatively common bird in my yard, roosting often and this past summer successfully nested in the owl box I put up a few years ago.

**References or Advice Consulted:** memory

**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 bird was perched in the hole of the nest box. Pale gray with black streaks. Short ear tufts.