

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 - *Gallinago delicata* , Wilson's Snipe **Age:** adult **Sex:** **Number:** One

4. Date (s) of Observation: Dec. 20, 2015 **Time:** 2:45 PM

5. Place: Lawn of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Swan St.
approx. GSP, 32.800265, -108.269715

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

6. Observer Karen Beckenbach

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7. Observation Details:

Other Observers:

Optics Used: Vortex Broadwing 10X42

Distance From Bird: ~30 ft **Viewing Conditions:** clear and unobstructed

Weather, sky cover: Sunny, wind about 10 mph, about 45 °F

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

Past Experience: With this or similar species? Have seen at various wetlands around Silver City as well as breeding areas near Vancouver BC.

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)

As I was driving south on Swan St. I saw this bird on the lawn of the church. I slammed on the brakes did a U-turn to make sure I really saw what I thought I saw, a Wilson's Snipe. It was a heavily streaked, mostly brown bird a bit bigger than a meadowlark, with longish legs and long thick bill. It was walking around the lawn sticking its bill into the lawn clearly looking for insects.