

**RECORD #: 19-B-05**

IDAHO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE  
RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

SPECIES:

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

REPORTER:

Kent Fothergill  
4869N 1115E  
Buhl, ID 83316  
543 5806  
cyberzono@netscape.net

OTHER OBSERVERS:

Miriam Austin  
Jennifer Fothergill

DATE REPORT PREPARED:

20-may-05

DATE SIGHTING OCCURRED:

19-may-05

LOCALITY OF OBSERVATION:

4869N 1115E  
Buhl, ID 83316

HABITAT:

Backyard in Snake River Canyon

CONDITIONS:

Calm and sunny, 70f, naked eye, 8 x 42's, and 80mm scope. feeder distance ~ 20'  
sun high in sky

DID YOU TAKE NOTES?:

after the observation?

DID YOU CONSULT FIELD GUIDE OR OTHER REFERENCES?:

another day?

WHAT GUIDE(S) OR REFERENCE(S) DID YOU CONSULT?:

Sibley, but I will end up reading many before I am done enjoying/processing/learning from this sighting.

DESCRIPTION:

Cardinalidae

Big ol' white bill, Black back and head, white belly, wing bars and rump, red chest

BEHAVIOR:

Feeding on platform feeder very similar to BHGR's in yard. Chip note different than BHGR. In flight, a festival of crisp black and white

HOW AND WHEN DID YOU POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THE BIRD, AND WHAT CLINCHED THE IDENTIFICATION FOR YOU?

at first sight bird was obvious

HOW DID YOU ELIMINATE SIMILAR SPECIES, AND WHAT WERE THEY?

obvious bird - nothing is really similar in pattern. BHGR's in yard same size and build - different plumage. EVGR's that went through yard last weekend were big yellow/black finches.

EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES (AND SIMILAR SPECIES):

I have seen females in ID, MO, MI, and PA - this is the first male I have ever seen.

GENERAL BIRDING EXPERIENCE:

good

WERE PHOTO(S), VIDEO, AND/OR AUDIO OBTAINED BY YOU?:

Photo