

**RECORD #: 3-B-05**

IDAHO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE  
RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

SPECIES:

VERMILLION FLYCATCHER

REPORTER:

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OTHER OBSERVERS:

DATE REPORT PREPARED:

01/26/05

DATE SIGHTING OCCURRED:

01/25/05

LOCALITY OF OBSERVATION:

North Bench, Boundary County, ID--about 2 miles W of intersection of Hwy 95 and Rd 37

HABITAT:

Field/Backyard

CONDITIONS:

Calm, cold, foggy, temp about 34. Viewed 2 male birds in tree outside house, 20-30 ft. away.  
Viewed with binoculars.

DID YOU TAKE NOTES?:

after the observation?

DID YOU CONSULT FIELD GUIDE OR OTHER REFERENCES?:

during the observation?

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

Audubon Field Guide, Western Region, 1977 Ed.

DESCRIPTION:

Brilliant red head and front. Dark wings with some small white bars. Dark or black streak from eye toward back of head. Large, round body. NOT grosbeaks, not crossbills--those are very different.

BEHAVIOR:

Sitting in tree about 10 minutes, did not see them fly. No other birds here recently.

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

We check the field guide all the time. Often we can't be sure. But these two were SO different than anything else we have seen and EXACTLY like the Field Guide picture.

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

Checked field guide for anything that shape or color. Nothing else came close. Absolutely not grosbeaks or crossbills.

EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES (AND SIMILAR SPECIES):

Never saw this one before

GENERAL BIRDING EXPERIENCE:

Casual viewing around home

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

None