

Species: COMMON GRACKLE

Record No. 511-02-31

Location: FIELDS
County: HARNEY
Date(s): JUNE 12, 2002

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<u>TIM ROSENKIRK</u>	<u>A</u>			

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RARE BIRD REPORT

Tim Rodenkirk

Species: **Common Grackle**

Date of Sighting: 6/12/2002 Time Found: 1000

Length of Time Observed: 5 minutes

Distance to Bird: 100' with my scope

Number, Age, Sex: 1

Observer: Tim Rodenkirk

Other Observers: None.

Location: Downtown in Fields, Harney County, Oregon.

Habitat: Fields is a desert "oasis", the bird was seen low in the sagebrush and sitting on a powerline.

Description: All dark grackle with a yellow eye. Long, keel-shaped tail. I had direct comparison with a male Brewer's Blackbird which it flew at and drove off. It was obviously larger, about jay size. The lighting wasn't the best (sun behind bird), but the bird appeared all black and was much too small for a male Great-tailed Grackle.

Vocalization/Behavior: It made a couple scratchy notes different than the Brewer's Blackbird vocalizations.

Similar Species: Great-tailed Grackle. Female Great-tailed Grackle should have a lighter-colored neck and chest area and have a faint supercilium. The male Great-tailed Grackle is much larger and has a longer keeled-shaped tail than this bird did.

References: None needed.

Experience: I have seen many Common & Great-tailed Grackles in the Southwest. I have observed both these species in Oregon before also.

Light/Weather: Bird was backlit part of the time, but I still got reasonably good looks before it flew off to the southeast.

Optics: Nikon EDII 60mm spotting scope with a 20x45 zoom.

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