

Species: GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

Record No. 512-81-03

Location: FIELDS, HARNEY CO.

Date(s): MAY 16, 1981

Observers	details	slides	prints	tapes
CAROL SHERWOOD	A		C-D	
TERRY MORGAN	B			

Specimen no. & location _____

Accepted 8-1

Not accepted _____

verified V

origin questionable _____

Single rept. sighting _____

exotic not estab. _____

Multiple rept. sighting _____

Records split _____

Records combined _____

Disposition

Secretary's File

Duplicate File

Main File A-B-C-D

details A-B

Slide File _____

slides _____

Print File 0-

prints C-D

Tape File _____

tapes _____

Date observer(s) notified: DEC. 5, 1982

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512-81-03 A

deep prints in deep coll.

mid 6-15-81

Dear Sirs

Been waiting to get photo developed to send this report in. (On May 13 and for the next week had a great tailed grackle at my feeding station.

A member of your organization was in town and identified it for me, gave me your card, said it was only reported once in Oregon.

I truly enjoyed his visit & hope this helps your record.

Sincerely
Carol Sherwood
Fields Cray 97710

gen desc.

about 14-16" long
all black incl feet & bill
light eye very shy

512-81-03 B

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To: OREGON BIRDS RECORDS COMMITTEE

rec'd 8-1-81

Re: GREAT TAILED GRACKLE

Account:

On May 16, 1981 I observed a male great tailed grackle in a front yard near the motel in the town of Fields, Oregon. The bird had apparently been using the cafe operator's yard to feed along with other finches and blackbirds. Seed was scattered on the ground, but I never saw the bird on the ground. Rather it sat in the middle, outside branches of a cottonwood and was observed there at a distance of 15 yards for approximately 10 minutes (intermittent observations). Weather was sunny and cold.

The first thing I noticed about the bird was the length of the tail, which was deeply keeled. The bird appeared quite large and on the basis of size and tail length I concluded the bird was of this species. There was nothing to suggest that the bird was a common grackle. Observable coloring showed mostly black with little sheen to plumage. (Bright yellow eye eliminated boat tailed grackle.)

Having observed videos of both common and great tailed grackles in Texas and the midwest, I have no difficulty calling the bird a great tailed, particularly in view of its posture in the tree, i.e., the size of the bird from this profile.

These observations constitute my present recollection. No notes were taken at the time.

Terry D. Morgan
7/28/81

Xreference report of April great-tailed grackle on refuse.



Oregon Collections

Great-tailed

~~Common~~ Crackle

~~1981-64~~

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TH 30378

Carol Sherwood

5-13-81



Oregon Collections

Great-tailed

~~Common Grackle~~

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