

VEFL-2024-09 (Vermilion Flycatcher)

From: Tim Rodenkirk [mailto:timrodenkirk@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2024 3:09 PM
To: Tim Janzen
Subject: Rare Bird Report- Curry Vermilion Flycatcher 12/14/24

Hi Tim,

Here is my checklist. I don't have a description really, just the photos. Terry immediately knew what it was. The lower belly and undertail were very yellow colored so the color in the photos is correct. I shot those as usual with my iPhone through my scope so not very good quality but sufficient for ID purposes I believe.

Here is my list: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S205453745>

Terry said it was there on 15 Dec also, not sure if he has seen it today (16 Dec).

Ciao- let me know if everything gets to you OK,
Merry Christmas!!
Tim

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The screenshot shows an eBird checklist entry for a Vermilion Flycatcher. The checklist is titled "eBird Northwest CHECKLIST S205453745" and is dated "Sat 14 Dec 2024" at "1:36 PM". The location is "Wahl Ranch (PRIVATE)" in Curry County, Oregon, United States. The user is "Tim Rodenkirk" (Frank Mayer). The checklist shows 5 species observed (33 individuals) and 1 species with photos. The species listed are "25 Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*" and "1 Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*". The description for the Vermilion Flycatcher is: "Female found by Terry Wahl around 1245. First Curry record!! Photos by Tim Rodenkirk. Bird was flycatching on north side of barn and continued doing so during one of the many showers during the day." Below the text is a grid of 10 photographs showing the bird in various poses, perched on a wire and a stump.

VEFL-2024-09b, eBird report from Tim Rodenkirk on 14 Dec 2024

Mon 30 Dec 2024 12:30 PM

Terry Wahl's Sheep Ranch (PRIVATE-Invitation Only) Curry County, Oregon, United States

Russ Namitz

Leisyka Parrott

Stationary Complete

2 52 min

Submitted from eBird for iOS, version 3.1.33

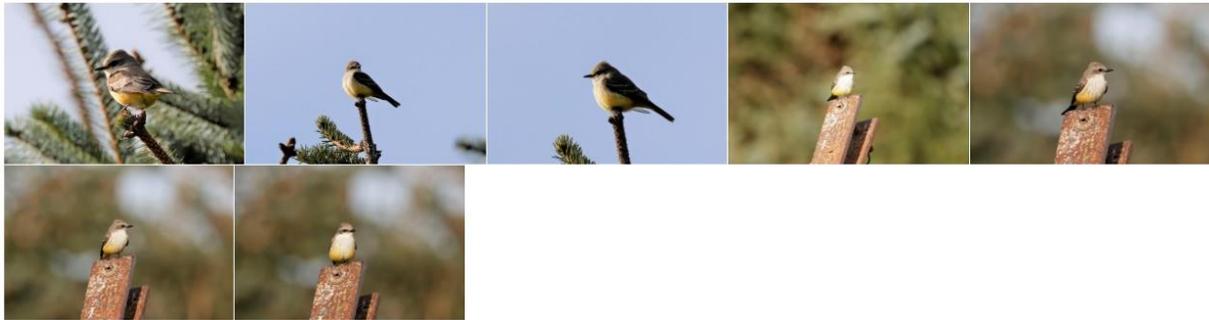
21
Species Observed
+1 other taxa,
447 individuals

1
Species with Photos

40 Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*

1 Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*

Continuing 1st county record found by Terry Wahl. Small flycatcher. Female type with peaked crown, white lightly-streaked chest, and salmon-washed belly.



VEFL-2024-09c, eBird report from Russ Namitz on 30 Dec 2024

From: Terry Wahl [mailto:terryjwahl@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 6:24 AM

To: Tim Janzen

Subject: Re: Nazca Booby report to the OBRC

thank you and I wanted to tell you that March 21 was the last day that I saw the Vermilion Flycatcher.

thanks again

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VEFL-2024-09e, photo taken by Tim Rodenkirk on 14 Dec 2024



VEFL-2024-09f, photo taken by Tim Rodenkirk on 14 Dec 2024



VEFL-2024-09g, photo taken by Tim Rodenkirk on 14 Dec 2024



VEFL-2024-09h, photo taken by Tim Rodenkirk on 14 Dec 2024



VEFL-2024-09i, photo taken by Tim Rodenkirk on 14 Dec 2024



VEFL-2024-09j, photo taken by Tim Rodenkirk on 14 Dec 2024



VEFL-2024-09k, photo taken by Tim Rodenkirk on 14 Dec 2024



VEFL-2024-09I, photo taken by Tim Rodenkirk on 14 Dec 2024



VEFL-2024-09m, photo taken by Tim Rodenkirk on 14 Dec 2024



VEFL-2024-09n, photo taken by Tim Rodenkirk on 14 Dec 2024

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first round vote: March 1, 2025

Accepted: 9

Not accepted: 0

Accepted, verified

Nice diagnostic photos from Tim showing square-ish head, capped appearance, white throat and upper breast, and dingy orange lower belly and vent. This species was everywhere during fall 2024 (lots in Northern California and one in Idaho too), so it is not super surprising Oregon managed one.

This bird has a lot of yellow coloration in the belly and in the vent suggesting that it is an immature female.

Excellent photos.

Nicely photographed.

Orangish-yellow underparts, streaked belly, dark mask, short tail all good for Vermillion.

Say's does not show pale lores, faint supercilium has longer tail. This bird shows more obvious wingbars.

Solid documentation. Undeniably a Vermilion Flycatcher.

One member had no comments.

Alternates

Accepted, verified

Very well documented female. No question about the ID! Surprising that more weren't located on the south coast this year with all the reports from the Northern California coast.

Say's Phoebe has a similar pale, rosy-orange belly, but the light gray, unstreaked breast distinguishes it from this bird. The coloration of the back and head is dark brown, while Say's Phoebe is a pale gray-brown. Eastern Phoebe has whiter upperparts but again lacks streaking and has a pale belly.

Three alternate members had no comments.