

Species: ~~BLACK-BACKED~~ WHITE WAGTAIL  
 Record No. 695.1/694-75-02  
 WHITE WAGTAIL 694-75-07

Location: UMATILLA NWR, MORROW CO.

Date(s): FEB. 9, 1975

Observers	details	slides	prints	tapes
CRAIG CORDER	A			

Specimen no. & location \_\_\_\_\_  
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Accepted 7-0-2

Not accepted \_\_\_\_\_

verified \_\_\_\_\_

origin questionable \_\_\_\_\_

Single rept. sighting ✓

exotic not estab. \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple rept. sighting \_\_\_\_\_

Records split \_\_\_\_\_

Records combined \_\_\_\_\_

**Disposition**

Secretary's File

Duplicate File

Main File A

details A

Slide File \_\_\_\_\_

slides \_\_\_\_\_

Print File \_\_\_\_\_

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Tape File \_\_\_\_\_

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Date observer(s) notified: NOV. 16, 1980

8-30-80

Card to

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asking

permission to  
submit to  
committee

white  
waytail

9-11-80

Dear Clarice

Feel free to submit my wagtail sighting. I have hesitated only because of my inability to obtain good descriptions & photo's of the two races. Maybe the committee can figure out which race of wagtail I saw.

Also enclosed are reports on three other sightings you may be interested in.

I'll probably meet you at the next Oregon Birds Convention.

Good Birder!

Craig Gorden

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MARION CORDER

CRAIG CORDER

White Wagtail One seen Feb. 9, 1975 by Mom & I in a sandy area near water at Umatilla NWR, Morrow County Oregon. It seemed to prefer looking for food near a sagebrush near the top of a sand dune.

It was tame, allowing us to approach within 20 feet before flying; then it ~~would~~ would only fly about 30 yds. I made it fly 7 times before it flew across the pond. Each time I noted the undulating flight & once got a good look at the white outer tail feathers.

Once while on the ground I got my scope on it for about a minute. It was 20 yds away.

We agreed that ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> profile, undulating flight & fact that it walked rather than hopping positively make it a wagtail.

The colors were white, grey & black. (No hint of yellow) I believe it to be an immature white wagtail that was in the process of changing into adult plumage. (As did the one seen in Eugene last year) ← 1974

The wings did not have a white wing patch, but rather looked more like the immature's wing pattern.

The belly was white. The throat showed a few blotches of black reminding me of a molting Audubon warbler. My impression of the face was that it looked like it had a mask on.

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CRAIG CORDER  
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Joseph Morlan  
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8-18-80

Dear Joseph Morlan:

I apologize for taking so long to respond. I was birding back east and then could not find my copy of the letter so had to write the regional editor who was gone birding, etc.

Anyway the bird was definitely a wagtail. I have yet to determine whether it is a white or Grey ~~mainly~~ mainly because of a lack of a good field guide. I would appreciate you making a suggestion of good publications, including yours.

Craig Corder

Notes jotted d

long legs Black

Craig

interesting  
with

up & down

Dark before wing markings

larger than  
smaller than

looked good  
& much  
special

Notes jotted down immediately after sighting

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long legs Black head

Crow tail Black w/ faint white edges

whitish underparts

up & down flight

Dark yellow wing markings

larger than *Chrysomitris* sparrow  
smaller than *Peucaea*  
So. Towhee

looked greenish breast  
& slender tail  
Species under

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(The following is copied from handwritten materials.) Letter to American Birds Regional Editor written for (?) Bob Woodley.

White Wagtail. One seen Feb. 9, 1975 by Mom (Marion Corder) and I (Craig Corder) in a sandy area near water at Umatilla N.W.R. Morrow- County, Oregon. It seemed to prefer looking for food near a sagebrush near the top of a sand dune.

It was tame, allowing us to approach within 20 feet before flying & then it would only fly about 30 yds. I made it fly 4 times before it flew across the pond. Each time I noted the undulating flight & once got a good look at the white outer tail feathers.

Once while on the ground I got my scope on it for about a minute. It was 20 yds. away. We agreed that the profile, undulating flight & fact that it walked rather than hopping positively made it a wagtail. The colors were white, grey & black. (No hint of yellow). I believe it to be an immature white wagtail that was in the process of changing into adult plumage. (As did the one seen in Eugene last year -- 1974).

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E. 10820 Maxwell Ave.  
Spokane, WA 99206  
July 19, 1980

Craig Corder  
Rt. 2, Box 2166  
Hermiston, OR 97838

Dear Craig,

About the wagtail, the only report I can find is in Bob Woodley's winter report for the winter of '74 - '75.

I quote: "White wagtail -- Seen by CC and MC on Feb. 9 at the Umatilla N.W.R. Allowed approach to about 20 feet, and then would only fly a short distance with undulating flight. It was studied through scope. Colors were white, grey, and black with no hint of yellow. The Corders believe it was an immature White wagtail. Other characteristics: It walked rather than hopped, had white outer tail feathers, showed immature's wing pattern, white belly, some black on throat, and face appeared to be "masked." The Corders are meticulous in their observations and so I believe their identification."

Apparently you wrote about the sighting to Bob, not to me. However, if I should find your letter, I'll send you a copy. I doubt if I have it, for I keep all the reports filed.

Yes, I hope we'll meet up some day. And I'm glad to get your observations.

Best wishes,

Tom Rogers

696.1-79-02

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(Copied from handwritten letter to J. Morlan who contacted C. Corder and later forwarded copies of the materials Corder sent to him to us.)

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3815 San Pablo Ave. # 10  
Emeryville, CA 94608

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(copy of

(Copy of very rough notes.) (original will be available at meeting)

Notes jotted down immediately after sighting

long legs

Black head

whitish underparts

long tail, Black w/faint white edge

up & down flight

Larger than a w/crowned sparrow

Smaller than Rufous S. towhee

looked greyish breast & undertail

splotching undercoverts

Sorta rufous wing markings

(Copy of response to secretary's request to let committee consider the record.)

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(Signed, Craig Corder)