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SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES/HIGH NUMBERS

CBC Name Lafayette Date 1-3-93 Compiler Jim Whelen
 Observer writing this account & date Dave Patton 1-3-93

SPECIES Red-naped Sapsucker NUMBER, AGE, SEX 1-male, adult
 Distance from bird(s) 50-75 feet Relative size of bird medium woodpecker

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.)

Bright red crown & throat. Black head with one white stripe originating at eye & one at bill. Black malar stripe from bill to cheek that thinned away as

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.) it approached the breast.

Eye dark, Loars were the origin of white stripe on side of face.

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES Dark woodpecker bill.

LEGS & FEET

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.) Distinct red patch

on back of upper head that joined the two white stripes leading

from eyes. Back - thin central black stripe with two white stripes down

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.) both sides. White

stripes were flecked with black and no gold or yellow on back.

Throat red from base of bill to upper breast. Upper throat bordered

RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.)

by thin black malar stripe that played out allowing the lower

throat to appear to touch the white stripe coming down from bill.

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading & trailing edges,

etc.) Dark breast patch & belly pale with yellow tint.

VOCALIZATION None

BEHAVIOR Came into E. Screech owl tape. Moved nervously around
trunk of adjacent tree about 40 feet up. Changed trees once then
left when we moved to follow it.

Date of observation 1-3-93 Time 10:00 AM Weather mild Sky overcast

Duration of observation 1-1/2 minutes Bird - Sun orientation Diffuse light. good viewing

Exact location Tree line boarding Indian Bayou near Dearborne Rd bridge.

Habitat Trees boarding canal Other observers Paul Conover

Optical equipment Swift 8.5 x 44 Binoc

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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AN ACCOMPANYING SKETCH OR PHOTOGRAPH CAN BE MOST HELPFUL

Lat 30° 08' 30" N

Long 92° 12' W

Played owl tape in older woods bordering bayou through farm land leased by George Haines who had given us permission to enter. Typical species came in including this sapsucker. All I knew was to look for a red nape. I noticed a red patch on the top of the back of his head. Without a field guide we only had what Paul Conover remembered. He told me to note the pattern and details of the back, and the details of the throat with special attention to the whisker stripe, not remembering which details meant which bird.

Back - Two distinct white bars beginning at upper back, separated by black central stripe and becoming closer at lower back. White bars broken with black cross bars giving it a scalloped affect. No other color than black and white were seen.

Throat - Red from base of bill to the upper breast. Color bright and fully developed as was the red on the forehead and crown area. The whisker stripe was distinct from the base of the bill to half way down the throat. The black whisker stripe became very thin at the lower throat allowing the red throat and white stripe to seem to touch.

Nape - Red patch on the back of the upper head. Very red in its center & smudged on the edges. This made it seem to bleed over onto the white stripe on the side of the head, and into the black of the upper head, and lower nape.

For an accompanying sketch or photograph can be most helpful. That had no definite and exact limits. It was a few feet from the edge of the bayou where the close work was made.