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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

Results: _____

Species:

Varied Thrush Ixoreus naevius

Dates: 1/9/00**Number of birds seen:** one**Sex:** female**Plumage:** adult basic**Locality:** Jackson State Park**Elevation:** not sure. I believe about 4000 feet.**Nearest town:** Fort Morgan**County:** Morgan**Time observed:** around 9 am**Duration of observation:** about 5 minutes**Other observers with you:** Norm Erthal and Joey Kellner**Other observers who saw the bird independently:** Ric Olson.**Light conditions:** Bright blue sky. The sun was to my right.**Optical equipment:** Leica 10x42 binoculars, photos taken with Canon A2E using a Sigma 400 APO Macro lens. The outer two were taken with a 1.4x teleconverter. The photos were blown up, cropped, and auto-equalized using Corel PhotoPaint, then printed.**Distance from bird:** I did not take any notes but I think it was about 50 feet away.**Describe the bird's behavior:** When I first saw it the bird was perched at about eye level in the middle of a brushy thicket. After a few seconds it flew off. When Joey refound it later it was perched as shown in the attached photos about 20 feet off of the ground and stayed there patiently for a few minutes while I got my camera and took some pictures.**Describe the bird (what you actually saw):**

I took no notes but from the photos the following can be observed.

Head, back, and breast: Strong pale supercilium. On the enclosed prints the supercilium appears white however on the original slides it is orange but is a bit paler than the orange on the throat. Dark eye. Dark patch extending from lores through bottom three fourths of eye and narrowing toward the nape. Throat and chin pale orange. Back is dark olive. The breast has a pale blue band across it.**Tail:** The tail is squared off with either a slight notch in the center or a missing feather. The coverts are mostly white with some dark across the bottom of the coverts.

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Wings: The wings have the same olive color as the back. There are some pale orange wing bars. It is difficult to see them well on the printouts I have enclosed but the original slide of the smaller center photo shows that there are two pale orange wingbars - one formed by the tips of the median wing coverts and the other by the tips of the greater wing coverts. On the slide there is also a pale orange patch visible just below the greater wing coverts.

Bare parts: The legs are pale and bill is dark.

Underparts: The middle breast and belly are orange flecked with white. This fades to white near the tail.

Size: About the same as the many Americans Robins in the same area.

Describe the bird's song and call if heard: it was silent

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird: It was in a row of scrubby trees near the edge of the lake.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species:

Looking through National Geographic, 2nd edition the following are the only similar thrush-type birds.

Eye-browed Thrush: Does not have wing bars or an orange throat or chin.

Dusky Thrush: Does not have wing bars or an orange throat or chin.

Fieldfare: Does not have wing bars or an orange throat or chin. Does not have prominent supercilium or blue band on breast.

American Robin: Does not have wing bars or an orange throat or chin. Does not have prominent supercilium or blue band on breast. Has pale bill.

Rufous backed Robin: Does not have wing bars or an orange throat or chin. Does not have prominent supercilium or blue band on breast. Has pale bill.

Siberian Accentor: Would appear much smaller than American Robin. Does not have orange wing bars. Does not have blue band on breast.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species: I have seen a few dozen Varied Thrushes in California. The only other bird in the above list that I have seen is American Robin.

List books if they helped in your identification: A Field Guide to North American Birds, second edition, by National Geographic Society.

This report was written from notes taken during , or after observation or from memory x and from photos.

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Subj: **Varied Thrush**

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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form (This is a two-page report.

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)

Each table cell will automatically enlarge as you type!

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RESULTS:

Species: (Common Name) Varied Thrush (Scientific Name) *Ixoreus naevius*

Date(s) of occurrence: Jan. 11, 2000

Number of birds seen: one Sex: female Plumage: adult

Exact location: approx 50 yards north of the swim beach on the west side of Jackson Lake. S.P.

County: Nearest town: Goodrich Elevation:

Length of observation: Approx 2 min. Time(s) of observation: Approx 13:15

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Jack Reddall

Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): Jack Reddall

Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position: Partly cloudy (high cirrus), Calm to light winds from the west, sun at the observers back.

Optical equipment used: Ziess 10 X 40 binocs

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): approx 15 to 20 feet

Was bird(s) photographed? no If so, have you submitted photos?

Who took the photographs?

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred:

Lake side riparian (Russian Olive, cottonwood trees with occasional clumps of down fall and brush with grass and sedge filled low, wet areas.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the Species or in supporting the identification): The bird stayed below eye level in the thicker under brush. It flew, hopped in and amongst the branches and was observed eating one Russian Olive fruit.

Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report.

Include the overall size and shape and how you placed the bird in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird(s). Describe other important details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches or copy field notes) This robin sized bird showed the following:

Head the bill was a bit longer and slightly more slender than the near by Am. Robins. The maxilla was yellow-orange at the base and dark at the tip. The mandible was mainly yellow-orange its entire length, the tip may have been dark. The crown and nape were a milk chocolate brown, a orange supercilium became larger behind the dark eye and ended at the nape. Its back was the same color as the crown. The brown wings had two orange wing bars, the base of the primaries had orange in them as well as the secondaries but not to the extent of the primaries. The tertials were tipped with orange giving them a scaly appearance. The rump and top of the tail were milk chocolate brown. The chin and throat were a pale orange, a faint dark breast band extended from side to side. The belly was a paler orange with some black flecking gradually turning off white. I do not remember the color of the legs.

Describe bird's call or song: none heard

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: Am. Robin was eliminated by the orange supercilium, Wing bars and orange in the flight feathers. The wing bars and the breast band eliminate the rest of the common Catharus thrushes.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

none

List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Nat. Geo. 2nd Edition.

This report is from notes made during or after observation or later

X from memory

Date of written report: Jan 11, 2000

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