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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form
(Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)

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RESULTS:

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

Date(s) of occurrence: Dec 26, 2001 through January 2, 2002

Number of birds seen: One Sex: male Plumage: first year

Exact location: East of Animas River in Durango at 29th St and E. Third Ave and points south.

County: La Plata Nearest town: Durango Elevation: 6500 ft

Length of observation: 30 minutes on two occasions Time(s) of observation: 9:30am to 10:00 am both times

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: I saw it on 12/26/01 by myself. Susan Allerton with me on 01/02/02

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): Kip Stransky found the bird on 12/22/01. Peter Derven saw bird on 01/01/02.

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Sunny with sun behind me both days.

Optical equipment used: B&L Elite 10x42

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 20 ft

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? No If so, are you submitting photos? N/A

Who took the photograph(s)? N/A

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Feeding from crabapple tree and resting in undergrowth.

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: Bird fed in crabapple tree and on ground. It frequently retreated to heavy underbrush for 10-20 minutes.

DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Features to include are the color(s) and/or patterns of the head, eyes, bill, back, folded wings, open wings, tail, chin, throat, breast, sides, flanks, belly, vent, and legs. Also, please include, where possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings -- folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional sheets of description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes. Bird was about robin size. Head was black with orange-cinnamon eyebrow. Throat and breast were orange-cinnamon with an incomplete dark gray breast band. Band extended about half way across breast. Back of bird was dark gray fading to medium gray on the rump. Tail was dark gray and medium length. Wings were dark gray with two prominent cinnamon wing-bars. Primaries and secondaries were also mottled with cinnamon. Flanks were mottled gray and cinnamon. Belly was white. Undertail coverts were mostly white with some mottling of gray. Bill was black and straight and of medium length.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: Not heard.

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: Robin is probably most similar specie with many differences. Eyebrow instead of eyering, partial breast band, different breast color, wing bars, bill blackish not yellow, no white tail corners, etc.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Seen several times in Pacific Northwest.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley and NGS after seeing bird. Andrews & Righter to check occurrence in western Colorado.

This report was made from (check one) ___ notes made during observation ___ notes made after observation X later from memory.

Date and time of written report: Jan 03, 2002 at 10:30am

Reporting observer: James D. Beatty Signature:

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