

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

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Species: Varied Thrush (Common Name) Ixoreus Naevius (Scientific Name)Date(s) of observation: December 3, 2004Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: M Plumage: _____Exact location: 540 OURAY AVE BROOMFIELD, CO (backyard)County: Broomfield Nearest town: Broomfield Elevation: 5400'Length of observation: 40 minutes Times(s) of observation: 8:40 - 9:20 am MSTOther observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Loch KilpatrickOther observers who independently saw the bird(s): Andrea Zorawowicz (nonbirder) first found and identified bird.Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's position): Sunny, sun behind left shoulder, very clear viewing.Optical equipment used: Leica 10x40 binocularsDistance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 20 ft to 80 ftWas bird photographed?: Yes If so, have you submitted photographs? YesWho took the photographs? Loch Kilpatrick

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

Suburban backyard, hawthorn tree, crab apple trees, honeylocust trees, maple trees, aspen trees.
Assorted bushes, no leaves this time of year.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification):

Fed on the ground under a hanging feeder. Drank melting snowwater from roof rain gutter.
Sat for about 15 minutes in a hawthorn tree, did not eat any of the fruit.

Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird(s) 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. Describe other 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 of field notes):

Robin size, orange underparts with black band across upper chest. Dark back and top of head. Orange stripe above eye. Orange throat. Prominent wingbars.

Describe bird's call or song:

No noticeable sound.

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

Similar species would be robin which doesn't have a chest band or stripe above the eye.

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

I see robins every day but this is only my third Varied Thrush, the other two were in Boulder County.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):

See "National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of NA". Just to confirm, already knew what it was.This report was made from notes made during _____ or after _____ observation, or later from memory (next day)Date of written report: 12/4/04Reporting observer: Eric Zorawowicz Signature: Eric ZorawowiczObserver's address: 540 OURAY AVE BROOMFIELD, CO 80020

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