

Species: GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH (Vernacular Name) Catharus minimus (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 17, 1976 Time Bird Seen: 1430 to 1500
Locality: Cherry Creek Recreation area
Nearest Town: Aurora County: Arapahoe

Other observers who independently identified this bird:
NAME ADDRESS TELEPHONE
Henry and Vi Bossman, 4 hours earlier
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Optical Equipment: 8x and 16 x binoculars Hensoldt
If photographed, type of equipment used: _____
Light Conditions: Clear sky
Distance from bird (how measured): 30 to 50 feet, estimated

Number of Birds Seen: one Sex: U Plumage: _____

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor: There were many birds in this particular picnic area, the orioles, grackles and w. kingbirds were fighting for territories. This bird would just quietly go to another tree and sit quietly until I came near, then fly to another tree. The other birds were Red.sh. Flicker, 1; Downy, 1; W. Kingbird, 6; Cassin's Kingbird, 1; West. Wood Peewee, 1; Robin, 3 (1 on nest), Swainson's Thrush, 2; Gray-cheek Thrush, 1; Starling, 3; Aud. Warblers 2; House Sparrow, 2; Bullock's Oriole, 4; Com. Grackle, 6 (one on nest); West. Tanager, 3; Indigo Bunt. 2; House Finch, 10; Lark Sp. 4; Chip. Sp. 2; (18 Species)

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

The bird was same size as the Swainson's Thrushes. It had a definite gray face and had no eye ring. It was a uniform olive on the back and tail. I did not notice any buffness on breast.

This was the "day of thrushes", after 3 days of fog and drizzle-Hugh no doubt will write this up in American Birds.

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

None

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Deciduous trees, but Bossman's had seen it in the more shrubby area across the road 4 hours earlier.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Swainson's Thrushes have buffy breast and buffy eye ring.

Veery is much browner

Hermit Thrush has rusty tail in contrast to back

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

have seen many times in the east, and several in Colorado

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?
Birds of N. Am. (Robbins, etc.), Roger Peterson's Field guide to West. birds.
Used only to confirm what I believed to be a gray-cheeked Thrush.

This report was written from notes made during _____ after observation; from memory _____

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