

RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD

NEW STATE RECORD

ACCEPTED

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5/28/76

Species: GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH

Catharus minimus

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 13, 1976

Time Bird Seen: 1000

to 1025

Locality: University of Colorado Campus

Nearest Town: Boulder

County: Boulder

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Optical Equipment: Bushnell 16x50

If photographed, type of equipment used: N/A

Light Conditions: Good, slightly overcast

Distance from bird (how measured): 100 yds. with alt.

Number of Birds Seen: 1

Sex: und.

Plumage: Spring

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

usual Thrush behavior, feeding, would not allow too close an approach but not excessively nervous. 60 feet or so since it was fed along the bank of Boulder Creek.

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:

Thrush sized with typical thrush bill, medium-short tail. Uniform olive-gray above, no buffy on head or breast (or throat); no reddish on back, head or tail. no eye ring, cheek blended with head, no contrast. breast spotting light and appeared blurry.

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

No song or call note

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Riparian growth along stream (Boulder Creek)

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Blood Thrush, Hermit Thrush and Veery eliminated since there was no reddish color on birds.
Swainson Thrush eliminated because of lack of eye ring and buffy color on head, throat or breast.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

First sight of this species. Have seen ~~other~~ thrushes before. Swainson's quite often this Spring along with a couple of Hermit sightings.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

Rebbin et al consulted after sighting to check identification

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

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