

Species: GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH

Catharus minimus

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): 14-15 May 1977

Time Bird Seen: 10:30

to 10:55

Locality: South Shore Bunny Area

Nearest Town: Telluride

County: Yuma

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Mike Moulton

Optical Equipment: Bushnell 10x50 Binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used: N/A

Light Conditions: Fair - Cloudy

Distance from bird (how measured): 40 ft (estimated)

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: Male Plumage: Spring

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

Feeding on thick floor. Shy. moved ahead of group.

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 and shaped. Gray brown on back, crown, tail and wings. Light below with ~~spots~~ spots on breast. Check did not contrast with ~~rest~~ rest of head. No red or reddish on head, back or tail. Spots appeared blurry. No dusky on throat or cheeks. No eye ring.

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

No vocalization

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Riparian Woodland, Cottonwoods, willows, Russian olives.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Lack of red or reddish color eliminated Hermit Thrush, Wood Thrush, Veery.

Lack of eye ring and lack of buffy on throat or chest eliminated Swainson's.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

In 1976 I saw 1 or more Gray-checked Thrushes on three occasions.

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

None

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

PRINT NAME: William A Lybarger SIGNATURE: William A Lybarger DATE: 25 May 1977
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Species: Gray-cheeked Thrush | Hylocichla minima
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 14 1977 Time Bird Seen: early am. to _____
Locality: Pebble Beach SPA, Wayne Forest, Colorado Springs
Nearest Town: Colorado County: El Paso

Other observers who independently identified this bird:
NAME ADDRESS TELEPHONE
Bill Lybarger

Optical Equipment: TK35 Binoculars
If photographed, type of equipment used: _____
Light Conditions: _____
Distance from bird (how measured): 50' approximated

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: Unk. Plumage: Unk.

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:
The bird was moving through brush, only giving us momentary glimpses.

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:

I saw a bird that was the same size & shape as a Swainson's Thrush.
This bird had no eye ring, & there was no buffy on the cheek. The cheek was dark.

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

I didn't hear it.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

wet, ungrazed, riparian woodland

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Swainson's Thrush has a buffy cheek and an eye ring.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

I have seen 3 other Gray-checked Thrushes. All at Benny Res.

I have seen many Swainson Thrushes (this is a difficult identification, and although I didn't take any notes during the observation, I'm certain of my id.)

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

no literature consulted

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