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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD

UNUSUAL RECORD

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Gray-cheeked Thrush | Catharus minimus
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

Date(s): May 12, 1986

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: unknown Plumage: adult

Locality: HALE area Elevation: 3,800'

Nearest town: Hale, Colorado County: Yuma

Time(s) observed: 8:25-8:30 A.M.

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 5 minutes

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

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Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

NONE

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Good, sunny with sun at my back

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7X50 Binoculars

Distance, and how measured: 15-20 feet (guess)

If photographed, type of equipment and film: NO

Who else photographed the bird? nobody

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

flying from low tree to low tree

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

Definite Catharus Thrush. Completely and uniform gray-brown above from head to end of tail. Rather bold dark spots

Description (continued):

on breast, also a little buff color noted on the breast.
Had a gray ~~face~~^{cheek} with indistinct eye ring. Flank color not noticed. We checked the face and eye ring or lack of it very well and made sure of characters we described.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

None

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

Low deciduous trees and Gusher.

Low cottonwoods, Box Elder trees.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Swinson's Thrush - looks similar but has buffy lores and a distinct buffy to whitish eye ring, no gray face also (actually cheek)

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

While living and birding Ohio for 8 years I saw many Gray-cheeked Thrushes and Swainson's Thrushes (also Colorado). I've seen another Gray-cheek in Colorado at Barr Lake, May 1983.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: None

b) after observation:

Birds of North America by National Geographic Society.

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation from memory
Date and time report was written: May 12, 1986

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