

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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NEW STATE RECORD

UNUSUAL RECORD

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

Species: Gray-cheeked Thrush 1 Catharus minimus
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

Date(s): 5/19/92

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Unk Plumage: Adult

Latilong: 5 Distribution Code: R-2 Acc Habitat Code: 2pL

Locality: Pawnee N.B. / Crow Valley, CO Elevation: 4800

Nearest town: Briggsdale County: Weld

Time(s) observed: 11:00 AM

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 2 min.

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

None

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):

Bird was in full shade under a cottonwood tree

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Bausch & Lomb 28x42 Elites

Distance and how measured: 30 feet estimated

If photographed, type of equipment and film: None

Who else photographed the bird: None

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

Walking
climbing on tree branches laying on ground and in leaves
Was not foraging during observation.

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 observed in the field:

Typical thrush shape. Pale gray brown upperparts
with no obvious wingbars. Forehead slightly gray.

Description (continued): legs pink, eyes dark, bill not noticeably

large ~~with~~ dark of horn colored base on lower mandible

Small bit of white eye-ring above eye only. Ear coverts slightly gray.

Black spots on breast turning to smudges on pale brown-tinged

flanks. Spots on throat turning into malar stripes. Throat immaculate

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

None

Maybe halfway to legs.

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

Brush and dead leaves at base of large cottonwood.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Swainson's Thrush - lack of obvious eye-ring no buff color on breast.

Hermit Thrush - tail same color as back

Veery and Wood-Thrush not considered due to back color.

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

Have seen Gray-checked in Texas and Florida. Swainson's
and Hermit Thrushes seen frequently in various areas.

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

a) At time of observation: None

b) After observation: National Geographic

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation X, from memory _____

Date and time report was written: 6/2/92

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