

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 (MINIMUS)
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): MAY 25, 1994Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: V Plumage: _____Locality: CROW VALLEY CAMPGROUND Elevation: _____Nearest town: BRECKENRIDGE County: WELDTime(s) observed: ABOUT 9:00 A.M.Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): ABOUT 2 MINUTES

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

NONE THAT I KNOW OF, SEVERAL PEOPLE SEARCHED LATER BUT

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

THE BIRD WAS NOT RELOCATED

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

LIGHT FROM BEHIND OBSERVER, BIRD SEEN IN SHADE OF WILLOW TREESOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): LEICA 8X32 B BINOCLULARSDistance, and how measured: 40 FT ESTIMATED

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird? _____

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

FEEDING & GENERALLY SKULKING BENEATH SMALL WILLOWS
& OTHER TREES. RATHER FLIGHTY - COULD NOT BE APPROACHED
EASILY. SEEN IN GROUP WITH OTHER THRUSHES (MAINLY SWAINSON'S)

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:

A RATHER SMALL BIRD, SMALLER THAN A ROBIN, ABOUT THE
SAME SIZE AS A SWAINSON'S THRUSH,UPPERPARTS ALMOST UNIFORMLY GRAYISH-BROWN, NO CONTRAST
IN CROWN, WINGS, OR TAIL. FACE ~~BEHIND~~ BELOW ~~AND~~ BEHIND
EYE LIGHT GRAYISH CONTRASTING WITH UPPERPARTS BUT DARKER THAN THROAT.
UNDERPARTS ~~BEHIND~~ INCLUDING THROAT, BREAST, ABDOMEN, AND

Description (continued):

UNDERTAIL COVERTS WHITE. BREAST HAD ~~WAS~~ A STRONG PATTERN OF DARK SPOTS. A DARK "WINKER MARK" WAS PRESENT ON EACH SIDE OF THE THROAT. NE EYE RING OR WING BARS WERE SEEN. FLANKS WERE GRAYISH. + SPOTS

LEGS PURPLISH, BILL DARK GRAY

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

NONE GIVEN

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

WILLOW THICKETS ALONG RIPARIAN CORRIDOR TO CAMPGROUND

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

SPAWNSON'S THRUSH BY LACK OF EYE RING, GRAY FLANKS, LACK OF BUFF COLOR IN CHEEK PATCH

VEERY BY STRONG DARK SPOTS ON BREAST (NOT SMALL OR INDEFINITE) LACK OF "WARM TONES" IN UPPER PARTS

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

✓ REARER THRUSH BY LACK OF CONTRAST IN TAIL, LACK OF EYE-RING
HAVE SEEN ALL ABOVE SPECIES ON ~~SEVERAL~~ MANY OCCASIONS.

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

at time of observation: NAT GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

after observation: BIRDS OF N. AMERICA

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation from memory _____
date and time report was written: _____

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