

Species: WOOD THRUSH

*Hylocichla mustelina*

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): June 8, 1975

Time Bird Seen: appx 11 am to 11:05 am

Locality: Platte River where state Hwy 55 crosses it

Nearest Town: Crook, CO

County: Sedgewick Logan

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

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Optical Equipment: Nikon 8x30 8.5x Binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used: \_\_\_\_\_

Light Conditions: good

Distance from bird (how measured): estimated 20'

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Plumage: adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

singing from lower branches of ~~the~~ tree; ~~seemingly~~ secretive after it realized we were watching it

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:

Robin-sized

Solid brown tail, wings, rump, back, top of head, with rust on head & back very pronounced.

Best look was at the bird's back and sides; the large round spots were visible on the sides and glimpsed on the breast

White Eye ring, no wing bars

Tail not long as with brown thrasher



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

Song loud, clear, musical delivered from low perch

We were first attracted by its song, and began looking for a thrush.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Thick deciduous woods by river

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Rust on head & back eliminated hermit & Swainson's thrush  
Round, large spots on sides, breast eliminated veery and  
brown thrasher

Shorter tail than thrasher

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

I have observed wood thrushes and veery in the east, and  
am very familiar with hermit & Swainson's thrushes and  
brown thrasher.

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

No books consulted; I was already familiar with its field marks.

John Butler & I discussed the field marks and song ~~at~~ as we watched it.

This report was written from notes made during \_\_\_\_\_ after ☒ observation; from memory \_\_\_\_\_

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