

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☐

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

Species: Wood Thrush (Vernacular Name) Hylocichla mustelina (Scientific Name)Date(s): Oct 3, 10, 11, 1980Number of birds seen: one at a time Sex: ? Plumage: Adultbut possibly 2 individuals
Locality: Martin Acres near Bear Creek Elevation: 3500 ftNearest town: in Boulder Colo. County: BoulderTime(s) observed: late pm - 4-4:30, one sighting at noon -Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 1-2 min, 20 min

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

Arthur E. Warnwright, same address - One sighting.

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

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

At pool & tree above, in sun & shade, good strong light.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Bausch & Lomb, 7x35Distance, and how measured: 15-20 ft

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):

Bathing or drinking at our manmade pool/waterfall - one bird sat above the pool, dried, preened for 20 min.

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:

many evening grosbeaks nearby, of comparable size, is approx. 7 in. smaller than robin; large dark spots on light breast going a long way down on belly; reddish head & shoulders, tail & lower back brownish, did not raise & lower as hermit thrush does. Eyering, streaky-grayish cheek.

Description (continued):

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): None -

Bear Creek 1/2 way down recently turned off. Lots of water there. It's half a block away -

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: Our yard is full of fruit trees (plum, peach) and big mountain ash full of berries where robins & grosbeaks were feeding. About 1 mile from foothills -

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? Heavy spots, reddish head - tail not reddish, size, cheek streaking -

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Saw many Veerys at our place this Spring - Saw hermit thrushes on several occasions at our waterfall - Saw one wood thrush at Pt Pelee. Have seen many Swainson's thrushes in Colo -

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

(a) at time of observation:

b) after observation: Ricks - Robbins Peterson, Bailey & Niedrach, Pearson
Talked to Tom Van Zandt, Freeman Hall, Paula Emerson,
Lois Herring, Harold Holt.

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation ☒ from memory ☒
Date and time report was written: May 22, 1980

Reporting observer: Helen J Stiles - WAINWRIGHT Signature: Helen J Stiles-Wainwright

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