

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Species: Wood Thrush | Hylocichla ustulata
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date: September 17, 1990Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Unknown Plumage: adultLocality: below Prewitt Reservoir dam Elevation: 4075 ft.Nearest town: Merino County: LoganTime observed: 3:30 PM on Logan - ~~Washington~~ Co. lineDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): About 1 minute

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):

Excellent - Good sunlight at my backOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 8X binocularsDistance, and how measured: 75 feet est.If photographed, type of equipment and film: NoWho else photographed the bird? _____

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

The bird flew up ahead of me. The reddish-brown color first made me think it was a Brown Thrasher. It flew into a willow where it was partly concealed. It kept changing its perch so I gradually ~~could see~~ ^{saw} all ~~the~~ parts of the bird. When I approached it flew and I lost it.

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:

Robin size and shape with a reddish-brown head and upper back. The tail and lower back were dark olive-brown. There were no wing bars. The breast was white with large black spots. It had a noticeable white eye ring and a black eye. The bill was straight and dark brown.

Description (continued):

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

No sounds

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

Below Prewitt dam there is some water seepage which has created a row of cottonwoods and some willows where it is most damp. This bird flew up from the edge of the drier area into the edge of the wetter area.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

This bird could not have been a young Brown Thrasher because it had no wing bars, the eye was black not yellow as a Brown Thrasher. It had an eye ring - Thrashers do not. Thrasher's tail is rusty brown. This bird had an olive brown tail.

It could not have been a Veery, Gray-cheeked, or Swainson's Thrush because the spots were too large and black. It could not have been a Hermit Thrush because Hermit has reddish face and olive-brown head. This bird had a reddish head & olive-brown tail.

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

I saw a Wood Thrush extremely well ~~at~~ below Ponny Reservoir dam on May 17, 1987. Hermit Thrush is a common mountain breeder in Colorado.

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

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation: Right after National Geographic? Birds of North America
+ Golden Guide

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

Date and time report was written: September 27 1990 8PM

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