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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 | Hylocichla ustulata
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

Date(s): 13 October 2001

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

Locality: Fort Collins Poudre Bike Trail n Prospect Elevation: 5000'

Nearest town: Fort Collins County: Larimer

Time(s) observed: 1-2 pm

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 45 minutes

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

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
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Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Mixed clouds, bird usually in shade

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 8x42 B&L Elites

Distance, and how measured: _____

If photographed, type of equipment and film: 100 Kodak Gold 300 Tokina lens

Who else photographed the bird? ?

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

on the ground in patch of short grass when foraging
usually horizontal lower limbs of boxelder or cottonwood
(1-2 feet out from trunk) when hiding

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:

Plump thrush. Rusty above, especially the head and
nape (redder even than veery). Underparts white
with bold black spots. Spots extended from upper
breast all the way to the lower belly and were particularly
evident on lower flanks. Legs seemed somewhat
long, perhaps owing to the bird's usual erect posture.
Crown somewhat crested toward rear (i.e. like a
greened back hair-do that does not quite stay smoothed
down on the back of the head). No wing bars. Did
not notice color of legs. Bill light gray. Big black eye
with modest bright white eyering.

Description (continued):

Tail above was reddish brown (probably equal to "typical" Hermit Thrush but seemed non-descript in comparison to the bright rusty head, nape and upper back.

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

Once, while I approached the bird sitting on a low tree branch, it uttered a run-together, breathy "book-book-book..... book-book-book-book" in agitation. (Probably like a chicken cluck)

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

Rich riparian woodland: cottonwood overstory, box elders, young ash, willows in understory.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Generally bigger and plumper than all thrushes except Robin and Varied. Rusty head combined with black, widely-spaced polka-dots throughout underparts unlike Veery, Hermit & Gray. Cheeked not reddish around head, not as spotted low on flanks/belly.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Swainsons not even

seen lots of all of them. This is my 5th close. Colorado wood Thrush.

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

a) at time of observation: none

b) after observation: none

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____ from memory ☒
Date and time report was written: 13 October 2001

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