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DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTING

Species: Wood Thrush

Date(s): May 19, 2002 Time seen: 1030-1035

Locality: Bonny Reservoir State Park

Latilong: 14 Optical equipment: Binoculars

Number of birds seen: One Sex: Unknown Plumage: Alternate (I suppose)

Light conditions: Fairly good, but bird in shade for most of the observation.

Distance from bird: 25-75 feet

Weather at time of observation: Clear

Prior weather & number of days since change: Very very windy the day before

Describe habitat: Cottonwood forest with some undergrowth of shrubs, poison ivy, and other forbs.

Describe behavior: Perched on logs and sticks close to the ground, usually so that it was hard to see field marks. Behavior similar to the Swainson's Thrushes in the same group, except that the Wood Thrush stayed lower in the forest than the Swainson's. It sat quietly in the same place in the open for five minutes as we picked out the field marks.

Field marks observed: size, color, pattern, shape, bill, etc.:

Size: Similar to Swainson's Thrushes with it, except that it had a somewhat stockier shape.

Rusty wings and back, brown tail.

Cap very rusty, well-defined on side.

Distinct white line over eye, and white eye ring.

Very black, distinct spots on white breast.

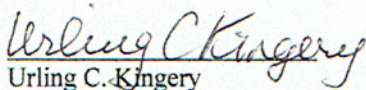
Bird's call or song: Did not sing or call.

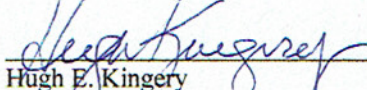
Field marks not seen: Bird seemed to have an eye line rather than streaks behind the eye. Did not notice leg color.

Similar species: Swainson's Thrushes and Veeries smaller and slimmer. Both have fewer spots. Veery has rusty head, tail, and back, Hermit has rusty tail and gray-brown back; other thrushes lack rusty coloration.

Prior experience: Have seen many in New York, one previously at Bonny.

Description from: Notes taken in field


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