

**COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM**  
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS, DRAWINGS AND ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY)SPECIES: WOOD THRUSH Hylocichia mustelina  
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)DATE(S) OF OBSERVATION: May 9, 2002NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: ? PLUMAGE: BasicEXACT LOCATION: Lair o' the Bear ParkCOUNTY: Jefferson NEAREST TOWN: Idledale ELEVATION: 6600'LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 2-3 min. TIME(S) OF OBSERVATION: 10:40 a.m. DST

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO SAW THE BIRD(S) WITH YOU:

Marilyn Mueller

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S):

LIGHT CONDITIONS (QUALITY; DIRECTION RELATIVE TO BIRD(S); POSITION):

Full sun overhead, filtered sun when perched in shrub. not backlit.OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED: Swarovski bino 8 x 56DISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED): 18-45'WAS BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED? no IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS? WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? 

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD(S) OCCURRED:

Narrow band of foothills riparian woods along Bear Creek with perennial water flow.  
Older cottonwood and willow trees with dense understory mixed with open grassland.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD'S BEHAVIOR (FLYING; FEEDING; HABITS; BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION):

At picnic area near Ouzel foot bridge,  
Wood Thrush flushed into lower branches (eye level) of shrub-like tree adjacent to  
Bear Creek. We looked at each other, then thrush flew across 25' wide creek in  
front of Marilyn, who was standing on bridge. We both watched as it landed among  
drift wood at the edge of the water, its head peeking out from behind a dead branch.  
It then flew to the north and was not refound.



DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. INCLUDE THE OVERALL SIZE AND SHAPE AND HOW YOU PLACED THE BIRD IN THE GENERAL GROUP THAT YOU DID. GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF PLUMAGE, INCLUDING HEAD, THROAT, UNDERSIDES, NAPE, BACK, WINGS AND TAIL. GIVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO MARKS YOU USED TO IDENTIFY THE BIRD(S). DESCRIBE OTHER DETAILS, SUCH AS COLOR AND SHAPE OF BILL, LEGS, EYE, ETC. THAT WERE IMPORTANT IN MAKING THE IDENTIFICATION. (FILL OUT THIS PORTION EVEN IF PHOTOGRAPHS ARE SUBMITTED; YOU MAY ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, DRAWINGS, FIELD SKETCHES OR COPY OF FIELD NOTES):

Marilyn and I were completing an avian census of the park for Jeff. Co. Open Space when I saw a bird fly into nearby tree: Large thrush, robust build, size larger than a Song Sparrow, smaller than American Robin. It had beautiful rufous-colored uppers, (slightly brighter than Hermit Thrush tail) from forecrown to tip of tail, striking in full direct sun in flight. Color brighter than Veery I had seen 5 days earlier at Barr Lake. No markings or wing bars noted on uppers.

Underparts: White from throat to undertail coverts accented with large solid black round-shaped "polka dots" randomly scattered on breast, sides, flanks and belly. Throat was finely spotted with black. Legs not noted. (i.e., it had legs ! but color not seen.)

Head: Thick neck; pale face (auricular and malar areas) streaked with fine dark lines; bold white complete eye ring encircled dark eye. Bill dark and heavy.

\*\* Note of interest: Personal comm. from Dieter Kamm, related a Wood Thrush sighting in Idledale on 6/14/1980, found by Bill Prather. Dieter and Bill Brockner saw the bird the next morning. The town of Idledale is a mere 1 mile downstream from the park. Isn't that a coincidence! (Dieter, 4393 Plaza Oro Loma, Sierra Vista, Az. 85635)

DESCRIBE BIRD'S CALL OR SONG: none

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM: Plumage of Wood Thrush unique: all similar Catharus thrushes lack dramatic black and white pattern on underparts and bold white eye ring, are smaller in size and build.

WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES?

<sup>seen</sup> Have ~~WO~~ TH several times in Tx. and Colo.; Veery seen a dozen times in same states. Other thrushes seen numerous times.

LIST BOOKS, GUIDES, RECORDINGS OR OTHER SOURCES CONSULTED AND HOW THIS INFLUENCED YOUR IDENTIFICATION (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION): none

THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM NOTES MADE DURING X OR AFTER      OBSERVATION, OR LATER FROM MEMORY     .

DATE OF WRITTEN REPORT: 5/9/02

REPORTING OBSERVER: KARLEEN SCHOFIELD

SIGNATURE: Karleen Schofield

OBSERVER ADDRESS: 33 Gates St

Denver, CO. 80219

303.936.8661

**SEND REPORT TO:**

COLORADO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE  
c/o BILL LISOWSKY  
2919 SILVERPLUME DR.  
FT. COLLINS, CO 80526