

CFO-RC FILE X:

RESULTS:

Species: (Common Name) Wood Thrush

(Scientific Name) *Hylocichla mustelina*

Date(s) of occurrence: 7 October 2002

Number of birds seen: 1

Location: Niwot, Boulder County. Approximate UTM: 13T 0486090 4438714

Length of observation: 10 minutes

Time(s) of observation: 4:20 – 4:30pm

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Stephanie Hanson

Conditions: sunny, calm

Optical equipment used: Leica 8 x 42 binocular.

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted):

Photos: None

Habitat: Creek with russian olives, small cottonwoods in suburban area.

Details: Stephanie and I were walking along the creek near our apartment and came upon a small flock of birds that included Swainson's Thrush, Hermit Thrush, American Robin, Wilson's Warbler, both Yellow-rumped Warblers and Oregon and Pink-sided Juncos. I soon found a thrush that I immediately recognized was a Wood Thrush.

It was obviously larger and heavier bellied than the nearby *Catharus* thrushes. The upperparts were rufous, brightest on the nape and rear crown. Auriculars streaked dark. Prominent white eyering, broken at lores. Whitish malar apparent, edged in black. Whitish underparts extensively spotted with large black spots. Bill slightly larger than Swainson's or Hermit Thrush. Legs pink. Eye dark. Not heard.

There are few similar species. Brown Thrasher has a longer tail, thinner streaks (not spots) on buffy breast; the bill is slightly longer and subtly decurved. *Catharus* thrushes are not as bright above and not as prominently spotted below.

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

List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): None

This report is from notes made immediately after observation.

Date of written report:

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