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Wood Thrush.txt

From: Ric Olson [drrdo@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2003 7:35 AM
To: Tony Luekering
Subject: Wood Thrush

Tony

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form(Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)Each table cell will automatically enlarge as you type!

CBRC FILE #:

RESULTS:

Species: Wood Thrush (Common Name) *Hylocichla mustelina*(Scientific Name)

Date(s) of occurrence: May 3, 2003

Number of birds seen: one Sex: ? Plumage:

Exact location: south side of the middle pond below the dam at Two Buttes Res.

County: Baca Nearest town: Two Buttes/ Springfield Elevation:

Length of observation: on/off for about 10 minutes Time(s) of observation: 09:20 -09:30

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Brandon Percival, Rachel Hopper, Lisa Edwards, Maggie Boswell, Ira S, Tammy E

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s):Mob

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: high cirrus clouds, wind from the SE 10 - 20 MPH

Optical equipment used: Ziess 10x40

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 50 - 100 feet

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? No If so, are you submitting photos?

Who took the photograph(s)?

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Riparian

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: The bird was observed trying to hide from the observers.

DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Features to include are the color(s) and/or patterns of the head, eyes, bill, back, folded wings, open wings, tail, chin, throat, breast, sides, flanks, belly, vent, and legs. Also, please include, where possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings - folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional sheets of description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes. The bird was a bright cinnamon color on its crown, nape and back. The wings, rump and tail were a duller reddish brown. The face had a bold white eye ring with gray-black and white streaked auriculars. The breast and belly were boldly spotted black on a white background. The legs were pale.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: none heard.

SIMILAR SPECIES - This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: The confusion species would be; Veery - lacks the boldly spotted breast and belly, Brown Thrasher - wrong color, streaked breast and bill decurved.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen many

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley's Guide to Birds, 2000

This report was made from (check one) ☐ notes made during observation ☒ notes made after observation ☐ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: June 3, 2003

Reporting observer: Ric Olson Signature:

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Reporting observer's address: 9450 N. Heather Dr.

City: Castle Rock, Co 80108 State: Zip:

Send report to: Colorado Bird Records Committee Tony Leukering PO Box 660

Brighton, CO 80601

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RESULTS: (A) 7-0

Species: (Common Name) Wood Thrush

(Scientific Name) *Hylocichla mustelina*

Date(s) of occurrence: May 4, 2003

Number of birds seen: One

Sex: Unknown

Plumage: Adult

Exact location: In the wooded area below Two Buttes Dam and southwest of first pond.

County: Baca

Nearest town: Springfield

Elevation: Unknown

Length of observation: 2-3 minutes

Time(s) of observation: Around noon

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: None

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): Erthal, Kellner, and Schottler saw presumably the same bird the next day in the same general area – about 200 yards north.

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Excellent. Sun was shining and overhead.

Optical equipment used: Elite 10x42

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 75 ft.

Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? No

If so, are you submitting photos? N/A

Who took the photograph(s)? N/A

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Bird was with foraging in the understory.

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: Bird was foraging in undergrowth. Bird was perched in an exposed portion of the understory at about eye level. It was actively feeding.

DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. Bird was obviously a Wood Thrush by size, shape (chunky) and coloring. The nape and crown were a bright rufous brown. The brightness of the rufous faded to a darker less-rufous coloring on the back and tail. The head had a prominent white eyering and a grayish cheek. The upper breast was heavily spotted with large, blackish spots on a white background. These spots continued to the belly and flanks, although flank spots were slightly grayer. Flanks were white with a touch of brown. Bill was fairly large and grayish. Legs appeared pinkish. Tail was shorter than typical thrush.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: Not heard

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: Breast spotting and background color were wrong for all other thrushes.

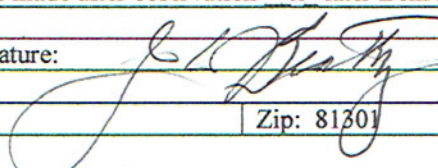
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Wood Thrush was common in SW Ohio. I'm very familiar with all other likely thrushes in SW CO.

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

This report was made from (check one) ☐ notes made during observation ☐ notes made after observation ☒ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: February 6, 2004 at 4:30 PM.

Reporting observer: James D. Beatty

Signature: 

Reporting observer's address: 165 Twelve Point Buck Trail

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