

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

44-72-8

First Round
accepted *R* 2/1/73

1. Species: VARIED THRUSH | Ixoreus naevius 2. Number: 1 (One)
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

3. Location: 1330 Kipling St. Lakewood Colorado, Jefferson Co.

4. Date(s): November 27, 1972 5. Time bird seen: Nov 27 to Dec 28 '72

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
See attached sheet

7. Description of voice, if heard: *Not heard*

8. Description of behavior: *Erratic on 27 Nov. Gradually settled down to feed, appearing at various hours.*

9. Habitat--general: *Large spruce trees*
specific: *Cedar trees, ground feeding under cedar & juniper*

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
We saw none - Thrush ground fed with starlings, house finch, junco, sparrow

11. Distance (how measured?): *30 feet*

12. Optical equipment: *7x50 coated Bushnell 7.1°*

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
see attached page

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
None

15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?

16. Other observers: *Had never seen it before. Remembered my field book picture.*

17. Did others agree with your identification? *see attached list*

17. Did others agree with your identification? *Yes*

18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: *None, not heard from*

19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: *see attached sheet*

20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used: *see attached sheet*

Signature: Bernice S. Noyce Street Address: 1330 Kipling St.

Date Prepared: 30 December 1972 City and State: Lakewood Colorado, Jefferson Co.

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Died: Chopped apple
Pinned with
Bird - Voucher - bread

5. Time bird seen:

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First seen by Don Nayce about 1:30 P.M.
Cold and snowing hard. Thrush usually
ate bread under cedar & forsythia morning & evening.

6. Description:

Size and profile of the familiar robin.
Eye stripe bright and clear, the dark band
on chest identifies it as a male. Very
much as pictured in *Sailey & Niedrach*
and *Robbins, Brunner & Jim*. Feet were not dark. Beak dark.

18. Other observers: (see reverse side)

19. Books, illustrations & advice

Books:

Check List of Colorado Birds - *Sailey, Niedrach*
Birds of North America - Robbins, Brunner & Jim - Galden Press

Advice:

Knowable D.P.O. people; Coopers,

P. Echelmeyer, Bob Reed, H. Holt, Mike Lenhart
Van Rensen and many others (see list)

B. Light, etc. Since the thrush stayed over 1 month,

it was observed in sun, shine, cloudy days, and ⁱⁿ snow
storms. Best observed from ^{large} corner window facing east.
at about 30'. Photographs were taken thru this window.
Bird grew quite aggressive toward starlings and
at least one other bird.

16. Observed:

Don Nayce (first saw bird)

Bernice Nayce

John & Joyce Cooper

Bob Reed

Patty Echelmeyer

Jim Lane

Ray Olson

Merle Barbour

Sue Merrick

Lori Chappell

Yvonne Gibbons

Mike Lenschaw

Sue Hiner

Steve Larson

Ed Arenson

Go Trainer

Bob Buttery

Patti Pittman (Kansas)

Karen Nayce (Hamden, Conn)

Art Norton

Michelle Ricker

Mildred O. Snyder

Perd C Kleinschmitz

Zonol Stotz

Deborah

Van Rensen

Sylvia Brockner

Winton H. "

Van Truan - Pueblo

Jolan " , Glendale,
Ariz.

Jennifer Ramstetter

20. Photographic
Equipment used:

By Mike Lenschaw:

Nikkomat
P T P

35 mm.

1000 m.m.
mirror

P 11 Nikon

(Colored
slide being
made into
prints. Will
send one in

10 days

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3. Location: Don Noyce residence 1330 Kipling St. Lakewood Colo 80215
4. Date(s): Nov. 27, 1972 | 5. Time bird seen: 1:30 to 2:15 P.M.
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
About size and shape of Robin. Bill and legs dark. Upper parts dark gray with orange eye line, wing bars and in flight feathers. Throat and breast orange, brighter and more rusty on throat, cut by distinct but rather pale gray "necklace" band. Belly white with gray mottling most conspicuous on flanks.
7. Description of voice, if heard: Silent
8. Description of behavior: Thrush evidently attracted by other birds, and fed but did not readily "join the group". Seemed to have favorite perches in evergreen, deciduous tree and wooden fence. Showed interest in suit near fence but did not eat.
9. Habitat--general: Back-yard feeder with lots of House Sparrows, House Finches, Junco, Red-shafted Flicker
specific: surrounded by shrubs and trees (with deciduous + conifers)
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
Robin - ruled out because of eye line, wing bars, and dark "necklace" band
11. Distance (how measured?): 30 to 70 feet estimated
12. Optical equipment: 10x50 binoculars
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
Thin clouds with trace of snow in air. Sun position at our back while looking at bird
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
Varied Thrush previously seen in California and Oregon, including 3 sightings
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
Very few records for Colorado in Oct. 1972
16. Other observers: Bernice Noyce (first to identify bird), Joyce Cooper
17. Did others agree with your identification? Yes
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: Nov 28³⁰: Patty Edelmeier, Jim Lane, Ray Olson, Bob Reed, Larry Smith, Merle Barber, Joyce Cooper (again), Noyce's (again)
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: Field guides (Peterson and Robbins, Bussan and Zim). Not term "necklace" here and may have been influenced in description of bill + leg color which I did not study in detail.
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

John R Cooper Street Address: 1041 Field St.
Signature
Date Prepared: Nov. 30, 1972 City and State: Lakewood Colo

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3. Location: 1330 Kipling, Lakewood, Colo.

4. Date(s): Nov. 28, 1972 5. Time bird seen: 8:30 am. to 9:30 a.m.
and briefly at 11:00 a.m.

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):

The bird seen was similar in appearance to a Robin, but slightly smaller. This individual was apparently an immature or winter-plumaged male as the breast band was a dark gray rather than black, but the band was wider than on most female Varied Thrushes. The bird was dark gray on the back, pale buffy brown on the breast, which was crossed by the rather broad dark gray band. There was a bright orange-brown line above the eye and below the ear patch this color was also fairly pronounced. There was one good buffy-orange stripe in the wing and several less ones.

7. Description of voice, if heard:

8. Description of behavior: When first seen the bird was sitting in a bare tree sunning itself in the early morning sun. Later it flew down to a feeder

9. Habitat--general: Brushy backyard with two tall trees. (over)
specific: The bird stayed in a bare tree and a thick conifer.

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
Robin and Townsend's Solitaire would be similar in shape and appearance but neither would show a strong breast band and orange-brown eye line.

11. Distance (how measured?): About 50' while in the tree, and 20' while at (over)

12. Optical equipment: 7X50 binoculars

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
Light conditions were ideal with bright sun on the bird and to the left

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: of observer.
Seen many times in California, Oregon, & Washington in both summer and

15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? winter plumage.
Harold Holt's Checklist.

16. Other observers: Robert and Bernice Noyce, Joyce Cooper, Larry Smith, and Merle Barbour, Patty Echelmeyer, and others.

17. Did others agree with your identification? Yes!

18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
John Cooper, Bob Reed, Harold Holt.

19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: None. I am very familiar with this bird, and I am 99.9% sure of this identification. The only chance that this might not be a (over)

20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

Signature

Street Address: Box 18449

Date Prepared: 12-1-72

City and State: Denver, Colo. 80218

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8. and then into a dense conifer tree. It later reappeared in the bare tree and on the feeder.

11. the feeder. When at the feeder I could just barely focus on it with my binoculars and I have found that they do not focus well below 20 feet.

19. Varied Thrush is if its mother was playing hanky panky with a Robin last summer.

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3. Location: 1330 Kipling St. Noyce residence, Lakewood Colo
4. Date(s): Nov. 28, 1972 5. Time bird seen: 0940^{am} to 1010^{am}
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
Quite Robin-like in size & shape, and in general coloration with the addition of a dull orangish stripe up and behind the eye; much dull orange also in the wings, and a dull but distinctive black bar across the breast. Beak coloration - unusual; legs & feet were yellowish, or light.
7. Description of voice, if heard: a low, soft, brief, single note
8. Description of behavior: alight in defoliated 'willow' tree, moved about very little for several minutes, left, returned 10/15 minutes later to same
9. Habitat--general: tree, but then moved 50' northward to apple tree, descended specific: to ground, then I lost it.
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
Robin. Because of the stripe above behind eye, the markings in the wing & the bar across the breast.
11. Distance (how measured?): 25/30' then to 50/60'
12. Optical equipment: 8 x 40 Bushnell Binocs; Exacta 35mm + 300mm telephoto lens
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird, and observer):
Beautiful Blue sky, Sunny, behind bird sometimes until bird flew to apple tree
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
None - this is a LIFER -
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? It's being a straggler in our state.
16. Other observers: Mrs. D. Noyce, Mrs. J. Cooper, & Mrs. P. Ehlmeier, J. Lane
17. Did others agree with your identification? I agreed with theirs.
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: _____
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: _____
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used: 2 snaps at about 50' distance. 35mm Exacta with 300mm lens + 1/4 at 1/150 + 5 1/2 at 1/125
Not developed yet Street Address: 3651-W-38th Ave
Signature: Ray E. Olson
Date Prepared: 11/30/72 City and State: Wheat Ridge Colo 80033

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