

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS  
FOR  
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDS

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Species: Varied thrush; Ixoreus naevius  
(Vernacular name) (Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students -- those studying occurrences 50 years from now -- must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Dates (s): Dec. 13, '86 - Jan. 15, 1987 or (varied)  
Time Bird Seen: 8:00 - 9:00 to 4:30 - 5:15

Locality: Beulah, Pueblo County, Colorado

Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: None needed

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: 35 mm. camera

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: MALE Plumage: Winter

Light conditions: usually low light (early morning, evening)

Distance from bird, and how measured: 10 - 15 feet (estimation)

Describe the bird's overall behavior: The bird usually came in after juncos, etc. came to feed at bird feeder. Would land on feeder, but was usually a ground feeder.  
Appearance: irregular - usually came in during stormy weather

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:  
Back yard of private dwelling; ponderosa pines in yard extending into pine forest.

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

Evelyn Ely, 8708 N. Pine Drive, Beulah, Co  
Mark Haver, 8746 Pine Drive, "

APPENDIX II Continued

Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough). Describe what you actually saw in the field. Size: robin-sized shape: robin-shaped plumage and color: rusty orange breast - brighter than that of robin - black chest band - wing bars and eye stripe in same color as breast. Brownish - black back.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.: No sound was heard.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Robin the only bird similar in size and shape — but robin doesn't have chest band, wing bars, and eyestripe

Prior experience with this and similar species:

I have never seen this species before — robins and Swainson's, hermit thrushes are common locally

This report was written from notes made during ☒ after ☒ observation;  
from memory ☒.

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