

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD REPORT
☒ RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD ☐ NEW STATE RECORD

CFO-ORC FILE NO. 52-77-23
☒ ACCEPTED ☐ REJECTED

Species: LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH
(Vernacular Name)

Seiurus motacilla
(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 14, 1977 Time Bird Seen: _____ to _____

Locality: Benny Rd

Nearest Town: _____ County: Yuma

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>Pete and Mike Moulton</u>	<u>Longmont Colo</u>	
<u>Joe Roller</u>	<u>Denver Colo</u>	
<u>Peter Gent</u>	<u>Boulder Colo</u>	

Optical Equipment: Bushnell 10x50 Sportview

If photographed, type of equipment used: N/A

Light Conditions: Good - Shade - Some Overcast

Distance from bird (how measured): 10-32 ft estimated

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: unkn Plumage: Spring

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor: when discovered Bird was feeding on the ground. Bobbed similar to a Dipper or Northern Water thrush. Flicked tail upward when in low bushes. Bird stayed near the ground, never more than five (5) feet high in bushes around a small pond (8-10 ft across).

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

Larger than most warblers; somewhat Thrush-like in shape; long needle-like bill; White superciliary line; ~~white~~ White, unstreaked throat; Streaked Breast; White flanks; light Gray Back on Crown without streaking; Tail like back; Undersides white with streaking; Pink legs

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

No song or call note heard.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

a small pool near a culvert. Cottonwoods and Willows, Russian olives and other mixed brush on south shore of Lake.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Northern Waterthrush has buffy superciliary, ~~this bird~~ and flanks and streaked throat; This bird had white superciliary and flanks, clear throat.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species: *None with this bird, Northern Waterthrush seen in 1975 and earlier same morning. Over birds seen several times in past.*

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

None

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

PRINT NAME: *William A. Lybarger* SIGNATURE: *William A. Lybarger* DATE: *15 Aug 77*
Street Address: *2415 So. Memphis Way* Town and State: *Durango Colo* ZIP: *80013*

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Seiurus motacilla

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Date(s): May 14, 1977

Time Bird Seen: 10:05 am to 10:15 am

Locality: Benny Res. S.P.A. Wagon Wheel Campground

Nearest Town: Idalia

County: Tama

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

Pete Moulton NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Pete Gent

Bill Lybarger

Joe Roller

Optical Equipment: 7X35 binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used: _____

Light Conditions: Good

Distance from bird (how measured): within 50', approximated

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: unk Plumage: unk

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

It was fairly active. It was seen on the ground, mostly. It was "bobbing" quite a bit.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

Size - somewhat larger than an ovenbird
shape - like an ovenbird
Plumage - flanks white
white eye-line which extends well past the
eye posteriorly onto the back
clear, unstreaked throat
streaked below
Legs - dull pink
Back - brownish

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

not heard

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

around standing water, in a wet-ungrazed riparian woodland.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Ovenbird - has an orange crown patch, is smaller and lacks the light (white) eye-line

Northern Waterthrush - seem smaller to me, also, less extensive eye-line, and duller color. Throat streaked, flanks not pure white, but with a buffy hint.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

I have never seen a Louisiana Waterthrush before this bird.

I have seen many ovenbirds and Northern Waterthrushes.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

no literature consulted

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

PRINT NAME: Mike Moulton SIGNATURE: Mike Moulton DATE: June 4, 1977
Street Address: 1328 S. Coffman #13 Town and State: Longmont, Colo ZIP: 80501

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