

3/23/74

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: VARIED THRUSH Ixoreus naevius 2. Number: 1
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: 2 MILES EAST OF LYONS 1/8 mi. N/E OF MARLINOS CIGAR CHALLET
4. Date(s): December 22, 1973 5. Time bird seen: 11⁰⁰ am to 11⁰⁷ 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):
DARK COLORED BREAST BAND (BLACK) LIGHT GREY TO SLATE COLORED ON BACK TO LIGHT ORANGE (NOT AS REDISH AS A ROBIN'S COLOR BREAST) BREAST & THROAT. WINGBARS NOT ALL THAT DISTINCTIVE AS HAVING ANY COLOR BUT 2 WING BARS SEEM. VERY DISTINCTIVE EYE BAND SEEN. BONE & LEG COLORATION SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE COLORS OF LIGHT ORANGE TO LIGHT GREY. QUITE LIKE ROBIN IN BODY SIZE & SHAPE, A LITTLE MORE SLENDER. THIN BEAK. TOP PART ON HEAD NOT QUITE AS PROMINENT, MUCH FLATTER THAN PICTURE IN "BIRDS OF N.A." UNDERPARTS NOT SEEN.
7. Description of voice, if heard: NONE HEARD
8. Description of behavior: AS IT SET ON THE BRANCHES ITS FEATHERS WERE RUFFLED MOST OF THE TIME AS IF IT WERE COLD. SAT LENGTHWISE ON 3" DIAMETER LIMB DURING OBSERVATION WHICH SEEMED UNUSUAL. NOT REALLY FRIGHTENED BY ME.
9. Habitat--general: - specific: -
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
ROBIN ELIMINATED BECAUSE OF BREAST BAND & EYE STRIPE
11. Distance (how measured?): 12-15 FT. (ESTIMATED)
12. Optical equipment: 7-15 ZOOM BINOCULARS (MOST OF OBSERVING ON 8 & 9 POWER)
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
SLIGHT OVERCAST, GOOD LIGHT ON BIRD, SUN & LIGHT ON BIRD & TO MY RIGHT & BACK
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: NONE, BUT MANY ROBINS OBSERVED & STUDIED, THIS BIRD WAS VERY SIMILAR IN SIZE & FLIGHT
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? ON FIRST SIGHT THE BREAST BAND, THEN THE EYE STRIPE BUT THE BREAST BAND WAS THE MOST DISTINCTIVE
16. Other observers: BRIAN HILDEBRANDT
17. Did others agree with your identification? YES
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: BRIAN HILDEBRANDT
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA ON POSSESSION AT TIME OF SIGHTING. BIRD OBLIGENLY SAT STILL FOR APPROX. 5 MIN. WHILE MYSELF & THE OTHER FELLOW DIAGNOSED HIS FEATURES & CHARACTERISTICS.
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

Signature

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