

Varied Thrush

9 Feb 1980

southeast of Monticello, Jones Co., IA

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P-0015, IBL 50:27, 52:41

Record Number: 80-01

Classification: A-P

DOCUMENTATIONS

Fred K. Thompson, 9 Feb

Thomas H. Kent, 10 Feb

PHOTOGRAPHS

Peter C. Petersen, 17 Feb, P-0015 (IBL 50:27)

REFERENCES

Field Reports, IBL 50:27

Photograph: IBL 50:27 (P-0015)

Records Committee, IBL 52:41

VOTE: 6-Yes, 1-abstain

Yes, saw bird.

Yes, I did observe and photograph this bird later.

Yes, no problem.

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Varied Thrush: Paul and Margret Whear reported this bird at their rural home located in a large cedar grove near Monticello, and it was seen by many observers (+FT,PW.TG, +TK,CKn,BKn,MN.TSh,PP (photographed), (CS). It was present from mid-Dec. through mid-Feb.



Varied Thrush near Monticello
Photo by Peter C. Petersen

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

80-1 b ^{Accepted} 9-20-80
6/10/11

(15)

1. Species Varied Thrush (^{Male} ~~Female~~) 2. Number 1 each
3. Location Paul Whear's Home Monticello, Ia
4. Date: 9 Feb 80 5. Time Bird Seen: 10:00 AM to 10:05 AM
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

Robin size - Orange wing bars - Dark eye strip - Gray breast band
Very orange throat and breast - scaly flank.

7. Description of voice, if heard: No heard
8. Description of behavior: Eating bird seed at feeder
9. Habitat - general: Home and feeder located in large Cedar Grove
specific:
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:
Robin - Eating bird seed (8)
11. Distance (how measured)? 20 feet or less 12. Optical equipment: 7X35 Binadt:
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
Sun over shoulder and on bird - very good view
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
Have seen Varied Thrush before
15. Other observers: Pete Wickham - Tim Gates
16. Did the others agree with your identification? Yes
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: Paul Whear
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
Bert & Birds of N.A.
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? (Took notes)
Few hours
- Signature: Fred H. Thompson Address: 2830 McGowan Blvd
- Date: 9 Feb 80 Marion City, State: Iowa 52302

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

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9/20/80
6/0/11

1. Species Varied Thrush 2. Number 1 (15)
3. Location near Monticello IA
4. Date: 10 Feb 1980 5. Time Bird Seen: 6⁵⁵ to 7⁰¹
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):
Slightly larger than Cardinals; thrush shape and habits; long narrow bill. Top of head dark; white line from ear to above and in front of eye, narrower anteriorly; Dark below eyeline; throat soft yellow-orange; suggestion of dark band separating throat from gray, speckled belly; gray belly merges into white under rump. Back and wings dark gray with several irregular lighter streaks in wing which appeared as indistinct wing stripes at some angles. Long narrow tail.
7. Description of voice, if heard: *not heard*
8. Description of behavior: *Continuously feeding on 3 x 6 ft feeder platform*
9. Habitat - general: *Large open feeder near house located in middle of a several acre-sized red cedar grove.*
specific: *Home of Paul and Margret Uhear 1 mi E, 1 1/2 mi S of Monticello. county road DB5 phone 465-4087*
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:
No Thrush or other species has similar appearance
11. Distance (how measured)? *25 ft (est)*
12. Optical equipment: *8x40 Leitz Trinovid*
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
overcast, early morning light
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
Seen in Washington State and Alaska
15. Other observers:
Michael Newton, Thomas Shires, Cal Knight, Bernie Knight
16. Did the others agree with your identification? *yes*
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
apparently others, but have not talked to them
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
Robbins looked at after notes taken. Report copied from notes.
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? *3 min*
- Signature: Thomas H Kent Address: 211 Richards St
- Date: 10 Feb 1980 City, State: Iowa City IA 52240