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72What species? Varied Thrush How many? oneLocation? 816 13th St Wellman IowaType of habitat? Urban FeederWhen? date(s): Jan 15 [^{the bird was present}
_{1/10-1/18:} time: 1:00 to 1:15 PMWho? your name and address: Janet (+ Jenny) Hollis Rick Hollis 3351 Lower West Branch Rd. Iowa City.others with you: Janet (+ Jenny) Hollis + ^{Every} ~~Year~~ + Barbara Hendersonothers before or after you: the Hendersons + Ruth Eash

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Thrush shaped, altho longer necked + less plump than robin
Breast ^{and throat} bright orange (almost N. Oriole Colored) with one black band

The band was ragged ie not smooth and located high on the breast.

There was a broad black eye stripe. and just above the eye stripe was another stripe of a less intense orange than the breast.

The top of the head was black

The back was a dark blue-grey. High on the back the feathers gave a ^{very faint} scalloped appearance - probably because the feather edges were ~~1/2~~ shade lighter than the back.

There were two orange stripes on the dark wing. These were ~~not~~ not totally smooth + even. There were other orange spots on the folded wing.

The bill long and thin with a slight droop or decurvature at the end of the upper mandible (ore)

Similar species and how eliminated:

Robin is the only ~~very~~ vaguely similar species. The description above clearly eliminates robins

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain: ~~✗~~

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

Bright sun, nearly overhead - ideal light

15-30' mostly 15' ^{on the ground}
It was ~~on~~ on the ground below me at 15' and 10' up in a tree (nearly eye level) at 25' away

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I have seen Robins before

References and persons consulted before writing description: In anticipation of seeing this stake out, I looked all std. guides. After viewing + before writing this I looked a Natl Geog.

How long before field notes made? 2 hours this form completed? 2 hours

The upper mandible was dark and the lower mandible was light at the base and dark at the tip.

The legs were a bright reddish pink.

In size it was slightly ~~lighter~~ larger than a cardinal.

It fed vigorously on the ground, pecking at feed - (could not ascertain its diet).

As I was inside I heard no sound.

It was ~~far~~ much less jumpy than the 40 House Sparrows which were nearby.