

Hermit Thrush

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I briefly observed the brown bird as it flew up to a brush pile and out of sight. It was located approximately 3 miles east of Cedar Rapids, Iowa in Cedar County along the Cedar River on Old Kiren Road. The bird responded to an Eastern Screech-Owl tape by flying out of the brush. It called several times with a soft "chup" note. Shortly after I observed the bird it flew back into the brush and could not be relocated. The only field mark I observed was the rich rufous tail and rump as it flew away, low to the ground. Otherwise, the bird was brown^{and} a little smaller than a Robin. No one else observed the bird. I used Leica Ultra 10X42 binoculars.