

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Herm. + Thrush How many? 1

Location? Coralville Rez, Johnson Co., IA

Type of Habitat? Small stand of woods

When? date(s): 4 May 1991 time: 11⁰⁰ to 11⁰³ am

Who? your name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 24 Richard, St, Iowa City, IA 52246

Others with you: —

Others before or after you: —

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

I saw two thrushes. One was a gray-checked - all gray, w/ eye ring. The other had stronger breast marks and appeared slightly browner. I caught a glimpse of the tail and thought it was more rufous. I waited for the bird to turn around on the branch, when it did, I saw the rufous tail, with color extending all the way up the rump. The body was a much more subtle gray-brown.

Similar species; how eliminated: The eye-ring was indistinct and small compared to Swainson's. The contrast of tail and body was the deciding factor. This is my latest date for Hermit Thrush in Iowa.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? —
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.
Overcast, 20 yards, 10x binoc

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Common bird

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? 3 hours this form completed? —

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).