

What species? Townsend's Solitaire How many? 1Location? Hickory Hills Public Hunting Area, Woodbury CountyType of habitat? mixed woodland edge - burr oak & junipersWhen? date(s): 2/23/91 time: ~12:15 to 12:18
~12:45 to 12:47Who? your name and address: Bill Huser 401 E. 14th St. S. Sioux City NE 68776others with you: Art Huser, Marla Grier

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

A gray, robin-sized bird seen flying across a wooded valley to a stand of junipers mixed with burr oak. The bird was more slender than a robin & its tail seemed longer. It was relocated in the junipers and exhibited a disproportionately small head & bill (relative to A. Robin). Overall was gray in plumage but with a white eyering that included a thin white line extending forward to bill base. A short dark line below this white line extended from eye to bill base. Wings showed light colored wing bars & additional light edged flight feathers. The other two witnesses noted a white edged tail. From a better vantage point, the wing bars were immediately recognized as salmon-colored & the previous details reconfirmed.

Similar species and how eliminated: None with salmon wing bars. Robin: size & breast color; Juncos: lack eyering & smelter; Catbird: black cap & no wing bars.Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: Indirect ~~front~~ lighting, 25 meters estimated, some leafless intervening vegetation, 10x50 Minolta BinocsPrevious experience with species and similar ones: Refound the '89-'90 Brown's Lake Solitaires 4-5 times. Seen in NE & SD many times.References and persons consulted before writing description: Nat'l GeographicHow long before field notes made? only mental! this form completed? 4 days

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