

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species Varied Thrush **How many?** one

Location? 3616 Ross Road, Ames

Type of habitat? crab apple tree in urban neighborhood

When? date(s): 6 Dec 1997 **Time:** 12:35-12:40 p.m

Who? Jim Dinsmore

Others with you

Others before or after you Ken Lane found bird and called me

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

A chunky robin sized bird; seemed fatter than robin

Basic color dark brown/gray above, white and light orange below
Top of head dark colored with a dark line through eye and orange band above that band.

Chin and upper breast light orange in color with faint but distinct dark necklace across the breast. Lower portion of belly white.

Back and wings dark brown/gray with distinct orange markings on wings.

Notes on 11 Dec: legs bright orange, back dark brown, wings appeared dark gray with orange markings on them (immature male?)

Similar species and how eliminated: Nothing else to confuse it with

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification?

If yes, explain: no

Viewing conditions: lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: 10 power binoculars, bird about 100 feet away

Previous experience with this species and similar ones:

Have seen one in Ames and a number in Alaska

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Looked at Nat. Geographic guide after notes taken but knew bird's identify immediately

How long before field notes made? Notes taken in field while viewing bird