

CBC NAME: Dubuque Audubon COMPILER: George Cross CBC DATE December 26, 1981OBSERVER WRITING THIS ACCOUNT & DATE: John Carl Miller December 27, 1981*Dubuque*Date of observation: Dec 26, 1981 Time: 8:30 A.M. Weather: Snowing Sky Cover: OvercastDuration of observation: 5 to 10 minutes Bird/Sun Orientation: NO SUNExact Location: Along the Heritage Trail Habitat: Streamside cover consisting of:  
across the crick from the longest ski understory (shrubs and bushes),  
run of Sundown Ski Area. Young tree growth and some matureObservers & Optical Equipment: John Carl Miller with Zeiss 8 x 20 B binoculars trees (all deciduous). Cedars nearby.Brian Larson with Basch and Loub 9 x 35 binoculars

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SPECIES: HERMIT THRUSH NUMBER, AGE, SEX: one, mature, unknownDistance from bird(s): 15 to 20 feet Relative size of bird: smaller than a robin  
larger than a sparrow

HEAD &amp; NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line etc.):

The head and neck were the same color as the back. Neither had a hint of rust color.

EYE &amp; LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color etc.):

The eye ring was prominent, and appeared to be white.UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES: ?? LEGS & FEET: ????

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts etc.):

The nape and back were the same color, a dull brownish gray. the rump showed a hint of rust when the bird was turned just right. the tail was not distinctive.

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum etc.):

The throat and breast prominent dark spots. The spots did not continue down the belly to the legs.

RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers; color pattern; shape etc.):

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WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges etc.)

The wings were the same color as the back. They did not contain wing bars or any other distinguishing features.VOCALIZATION: Did not make a sound.BEHAVIOR: It stayed very near the ground for most of the time (1 to 4 feet) but when it flew, it landed about 10 feet from the ground. As we were watching it would fly about four feet and land. Brian thought he noticed it bob its tail, but he couldn't be sure.ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The instant we saw it, we knew it was a thrush and a summer bird; so we looked very carefully.