

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? SWAINSON'S Thrush How many? 1Location? 318 W Garfield - LAURENSType of habitat? Town Yard - Many high bush Canterbury bushesWhen? date(s): 11/11/85 <sup>this is when I observed it</sup> (it was there for several time) 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM  
day afterwards - it was bandedWho? your name and address: Judith Carlson RR 2 Box 68 Laurens IAothers with you: Ron Haemsothers before or after you: Don't Know

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.

Very definite Buffy Eye Ring - Very Buffy on the faceTail same color as back. Did not Deep wings like a hermit thrushBest Spots: More rounded not wedge shaped like Hermit Thrush  
Spots on throat were wedge shaped. Legs light. Bill mostly dark - lighter at base.  
NO GRAY on face. I would rather it was Gray CheekedThrush as I have missed seeing them this year. However  
there was no doubt even though very late in the  
Season it was a Swainson's Thrush.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

Excellent Viewing Conditions - within 3 ft of window feeding on berriesPrevious experience with species and similar ones: have helped band Both Hermit  
and Swainson's Thrush.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

A manual for the Identification of Birds of Minnesota & Neighboring States.  
How long before field notes made? Immediately this form completed? 11/14

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