

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*) How many? 1Location? 1640 Cornwall, Waterloo, IA 50702, Hulda Flynn Residence, Black Hawk Co.Type of habitat? Overgrown orchard/yardWhen? date(s): April 11, 1982 time: 8:00 am. to 8:15 a.m.Who? your name and address: Francis L. Moore, 264 Western Ave., Waterloo, IA 50701others with you: Noothers before or after you: Bob Myers, Tom Stone, Russell Hays

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.

I observed the bird feeding on the ground near a feeder in the back yard and neighbors yard of the above residence. The bird was very flighty and suspicious of any movement. The bird seen was about the size of an ~~an~~ American Robin but the black breast band and orange eyestripe could be seen extremely well. I also noticed that there was quite a bit of orange in the wing feathers and the orange wing bars stood out fairly well but not as well as the eyestripe. The top of the head, ear patch, back and tail were all an overall dark gray color. The throat was an orange color and the breast was orange with the orange fading to white as it approached the belly. No call was heard. Behavior was a lot like that of an American Robin. I took some fairly good photos of the bird while it was on the ground under a feeder.

Similar species and how eliminated: American Robin does not have a black breast band or the orange wing bars or orange eyestripe.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, sun shining full on bird, seen majority of time from about 100-150 feet measured by eye using Bausch + Lomb Roof Prism 7x35 mm Binoculars.Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen 3 other varied thrushes from varying distances in Waterloo-Cedar Falls Area in the last 4 years.References and persons consulted before writing description: NoneHow long before field notes made? 3 hrs. this form completed? 24 hrs.

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