

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Varied Thrush How many? oneLocation? about 1 mi. N.W. Maysville, Scott Co, IAType of habitat? yard adjacent to heavy woods (dec.) pine border nearbyWhen? date(s): Jan. 16, 1982 time: 12:25 to 12:33Who? your name and address: Peter C. Petersen, 235 McClellan Blvd. Dav.others with you: Merylou Petersen, Brian, Corey + Lewis Blewusothers before or after you: before - Bill Erps, North St. H.S. Science Teacher,
Mr. + Mrs. Everett Howard - at their feederDescribe 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. after
Don Hoeller

Robin sized thrush, dark bill + eye, darkish legs, back grey, wings grey + black with orange bar + orange showing in primaries. Head black to very dark grey, orange eyebrow line going to back of head, throat, neck + upper chest bright yellow-orange, dark band (blackish) below, then orange down to whitish-grey underbelly, tail greyish. Not heard. Bird flew in + fed on ground eating cracked corn. Photographed with 500mm lens. Mr. Howard said bird had been present for 2 weeks, seen all but 2 days for this period.

Similar species and how eliminated: Am. Robin - lacks orange eyebrow line, wing bar + blackish breast band.Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
Light from side, bright sunny day, seen from 12-15', measured by range mark on camera lens, 10X40 binocs.Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen this species in the West, in Illinois (twice) + in Iowa (once).References and persons consulted before writing description: noneHow long before field notes made? 1 hr. this form completed? 2 hrs.

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