

✓ 1. Species Townsend's Solitaire 2. Number 1

3. Location 1/2 mile north of Redfield, Iowa

4. Date: 3-29-81 5. Time Bird Seen: 10:30 to 10:31

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field): when Alan pointed it out I thought it might be an early catbird because of dark color similar size and shape, but when he said it had an eyering I immediately took my binocular back for a closer look. The bird did indeed have a large white eyering as a Connecticut W. would have. The bird was dark above and below, but not as dark gray as a catbird. The bird had white stripes on the upper secondaries which stood out from the rest of the wing markings. The bird lacked wing bars or had very dull ones. Other characters, as the white on the tail could not be confirm because the bird was not relocated.

7. Description of voice, if heard: N/A (Call out with screech owl tape)

8. Description of behavior: <sup>flew from a red cedar clump to a low branch on the stream bottomland -</sup> sat still in this position for 15-30 sec: then it flew to the stream bed where cedar had caved into the stream landed on the cedar and hopped down to the stream bed out of sight.

9. Habitat - general: a deep ravine with a small deciduous bottom land lined with 200yds of dense red cedar growth on both sides.  
specific: Small deciduous tree in bottom

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:  
catbird - too dark - lacks eyering Blackbird - too dark - too chunky - eyering to Small Phoebe - breast too light - lacks eyering Mockingbird - too large - has white wing bars - no eye ring - light breast

11. Distance (how measured)? 15 yards EST. 12. Optical equipment: 7x35 binoculars

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

Overcast, Good, —

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:  
First sighting, however I have seen all similar appearing species on numerous occasions.

15. Other observers:  
Alan Cummins (son 10yrs)

16. Did the others agree with your identification? Yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: N/A

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:  
Birds of N. America

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 12 hrs

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