

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Varied Thrush How many? 1

Location? Hawkeye Wildlife Refuge - South of Black-top road just opposite of 1st parking lot
west of Head quarters, North of Reservoir.

Type of Habitat? Woodland Trees mixed with tall pine trees. It was perched in a Willow
that was large - lot of dead trees + here.

When? date(s): 4-7-90 time: around 3:00 pm to for about 5 minutes

Who? your name and address: Tony Sotelo, 336 W. Benton, Iowa City, Iowa

Others with you: no

Others before or after you: no

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

This bird was robin-sized. It had a orange eye-stripe. It had a brownish back and an orange belly, throat chin and lower cheek. This bird had a brownish breast-band. The legs were pinkish and eyes dark. This bird was aware of me, being skittish and kept uttering a one note 'cluck' note. I was about 30-40 feet away sitting on a log. I observed it for about 5 minutes before it flew off.

Similar species; how eliminated:

- ① The male has a bluish back
- ② The juvenile has a whitish belly and lacks the breast-band
- ③ The Robin lacks eye stripe, wing-bars, and breast-band

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? no

If yes, explain:

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

Good lighting (afternoon sun) 30-40' measured just by visual guessing

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

First time I ever saw one.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Tom Kent
Rick Hollis

How long before field notes made? 5 minutes this form completed? 2 days

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).