

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

Accepted by F Red

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1. Species Varied Thrush
 2. Number 1
 3. Location Waterloo IA
 4. Date: 3 Jan 1981
 5. Time Bird Seen: 8¹⁵ to 8¹⁷ Am
 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):
Robin size. Head black on top, black line through eye, long black bill line. Buff superciliary line starting above eye. Orange buffy throat. Buffy (orangish) breast becoming white toward rump. Wings dark brown-black with short buffy wing bars. Long thin beak. Thrush shaped. Puffed out sitting in open deciduous tree.
 7. Description of voice, if heard: NA
 8. Description of behavior: In tree at 20ft, flew off
 9. Habitat - general: Residential with many trees, many stands of old large conifers
specific: Waterloo - corner of Pershing and Sheridan
 10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:
none
 11. Distance (how measured)?
30 ft (guess)
 12. Optical equipment:
8x40 Leitz Trinovid
 13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
Clear, sun behind observers
 14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
Seen once in Iowa, also Washington State
 15. Other observers: Carl Bendorf
 16. Did the others agree with your identification? yes
 17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
many observers in Waterloo - F. Moore, R. Myers and others
 18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
none
 19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? minutes
Copied 10 hours later
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