

What species? VARIED THRUSH How many? 1

Location? MACBRIDE FIELD CAMPUS OF UNIV. OF IOWA (JOHNSON Co.)

Type of habitat? WOODS - PINE & DECIDUOUS

When? date(s): 4 NOV. 1990 time: 2:20 PM FOR ABOUT 30 SECONDS  
10:30 AM TO FOR A FEW SECONDS

Who? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW KNOLL, IOWA CITY

others with you: CHUCK FULLER (PM SIGHTING)

others before or (after) you: TOM KENT

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.

WHILE DRIVING ALONG THE ENTRANCE ROAD, THIS BIRD FLEW INTO A PINE TREE BESIDE THE ROAD, AND I VIEWED IT THERE FOR ONLY A FEW SECONDS. IN THE AFTERNOON, FARTHER ALONG THE ROAD, THE BIRD FLUSHED FROM THE ROAD INTO DECIDUOUS TREES, WHERE IT WAS VIEWED IN TWO LOCATIONS FOR ABOUT 30 SECONDS. THE BIRD WAS GENERALLY THE SIZE AND SHAPE OF A ROBIN. I DID SEE A DARK BREAST BAND AND AN ORANGE EYE STREAK, WHICH WAS MORE PROMINENT THAN ANY SUCH STRUCTURE PICTURED IN THE FIELD GUIDES. THE BACK AND TOP OF HEAD WERE DARK GRAY. THE THROAT WAS ORANGE AND THE ORANGE COLOR CONTINUALLY GOT LIGHTER ONTO THE BELLY, UNTIL THE ORANGE TURNED INTO WHITE. THERE WAS ALSO VERY OBVIOUS SCALLOPING, (LIKE FISH SCALES) ON THE BELLY. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG INTO FALL THIS BIRD (JUVENILE) RETAINS ITS JUVENILE PLUMAGE OR HOW LONG IT TAKES TO DEVELOP A PROMINENT BREAST BAND. THE FRONT ON VIEW WAS WHAT I SAW BEST, AND THIS BIRD HAD THE JUVENILE FEATURES OF WHITE BELLY AND SCALLOPING, BUT I ALSO SAW A BREAST BAND OF THE ADULT.

Similar species and how eliminated: ROBIN DOES NOT HAVE EYE STREAK, BELLY BAND, ORANGE THROAT, OR SCALLOPING.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:  
DIMMY DAY, OVERCAST WITH RAIN OFF & ON.

8.5x44 AUDUBON (SWIFT) BINOCULARS. VIEWED 25-90 FEET

Previous experience with species and similar ones: SEEN IN IOWA EVERY YEAR SINCE 1983 AND SEVERAL TIMES IN THE WESTERN U.S.

References and persons consulted before writing description: NATH GEOG. GUIDE

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATE this form completed? 6-10 HOURS

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