

Bierman

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species: VARIED THRUSH 2. Number: 1
3. Location: At a feeder in Spencer Iowa.
4. Date: Dec. 17 5. Time seen: 11:15 to 11:30 A.M.
1983
6. Description of size, shape, and color: Robin Sized and
shaped. Gray backed , orange wing bars, yellowish
orange eye brow stripe, golden to orange chest and
belly with a dark gray band running horizontally
across chest.
7. Voice, if heard: none
8. Behavior: Feeding on ground below feeder full of Whole kernal
corn. Gulping kernals whole. Aggressive, did not
tolerate English Sparrows, would peck at them.
9. Habitat: In town of Spencer, a few pines in vacinity.
10. Similar species: Robin, Curve billed tharasher.
11. Distance viewed at: 10 yards Optical equipment: 8x40 binocs
13. Light: / Thin overcast, no shadows.
14. Previous experience with this species and similar species:
With this none. With Curved Billed Thrasher alot
in southern Arizona on the Tuscon and Madera Canyon CBC's.
15. Other observers: Marion Brewert, Wally Jardine
16. Did others agree: yes 17. Other independent observers:
Jim Quinn, Vernon Bierman, Eldon Canagle.
18. Books and advice consulted: Peterson's New Field Guide to
Eastern Birds.
19. How long after seeing this bird did I write this description:
2 hours.
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