

Eastern Towhee

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Julie Charlesworth

I took these notes over the phone from Ms. Charlesworth. This bird has been using their bird feeder throughout the late fall and early winter. It visited a couple of times on count day. They saw a cardinal-sized bird with an all dark back and a black hood. The bird was white on the underside, except for the broad orange on the sides and flanks. They reported that the bill was not as large as a cardinal's, but instead more like a finch's. The bird fed entirely on the ground beneath the feeder. Also, the bird had quite a lot of white in the tail but no white on the back or wings.

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