

MDDCRC DOCUMENTATION GUIDE

SPECIES VARIED THRUSHDATE 13 Dec. 1977

Present from 11-15 Dec.

PLUMAGE DESCRIPTION: (use additional sheets, if needed)

It was in the Dertthick's backyard which contained quite mature evergreens as well as shrubs and some deciduous trees. We stood in the carport. Arrived at 9:30 a.m. but did not spot the bird until 10:35 a.m. It was a large thrush which initially kept its back to us. It kept tipping its head and stretching its neck so that the lovely bright orange throat and lower cheeks were visible as well as the orange line over the eyes, the blue-gray back and the rusty-orange wingbars. It flew to several different perches and eventually turned to face the observers so that we could see the single wide band across the breast with the somewhat lighter orange on the mid to lower breast below the band.

At the time of observation I was with Sybil McKennon from Howard Co. David Abbott, Owen Faug and three Baltimore birders I did not recognize were also present.

BEHAVIOR:

It is the only Howard County record and was the third record for the state.

NUMBER, SEX, & AGE: 1 bird, adult male

LOCATION: Residence of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Dertthick, 9035 Jefferson St., Savage, MD - Howard County

CONDITIONS, TIME, & OPTICS: mid-morning, 8x40 Leitz binoculars
There had been rain the previous night but the morning was partly cloudy with temperatures in the 40's.

EXPERIENCE: (this species & general) No other experience with this ~~species~~.
More than 20 years of Maryland birding.
Prior to that birded in Wisconsin.

OTHER OBSERVERS: Richard Rowlett (photo - I wrote years ago requesting a copy + he simply referred me to Am. Birds which referenced but did not print the picture). George + Chandler Robbins, David Abbott, Robert Ringler, David Holmes, although credited, says he did not see the bird. There were many observers; those

NAME, ADDRESS, & DATE OF WRITE-UP listed I had personal knowledge of.
Joanne Solem, 10617 Braeloch Rd., Laurel, MD 20723 written 1 April 1992

From notes taken at the time
of observation

SKETCHES & PHOTOS ARE ENCOURAGED * * * SEE REVERSE FOR GUIDE CHECKLIST

MDDCRC DOCUMENTATION GUIDE

CHECKLIST OF POINTS TO INCLUDE IN WRITE-UP

Not all these points will be seen, nor are they all necessary to correctly identify a species, but not including something you saw lessens the value of your documentation. This checklist will remind you of items that you will want to include in this report.

PLUMAGE DESCRIPTION:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Head: colors & pattern | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill: length, shape, color |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eye: color, ring, stripe, brow | <input type="checkbox"/> Upperparts: nape, back, rump |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tail: colors, shape, length | <input type="checkbox"/> Legs: color & length |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underparts: throat, breast, belly, flanks, vent | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wings: colors, wingbars, length, wing linings | |

BEHAVIOR:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Posture, size, shape | <input type="checkbox"/> Feeding method |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocalization | <input type="checkbox"/> Flight pattern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preening or sleeping | <input type="checkbox"/> Other species present |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interactions with other birds | |

NUMBER, SEX & AGE

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Number of birds | <input type="checkbox"/> Sex by plumage or behavior |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age by plumage or behavior | |

LOCATION:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Place name/town, park, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> County & state |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat description/field, woods, water, plants, etc. | |

CONDITIONS:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sky/cloud cover | <input type="checkbox"/> Wind/speed & direction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temperature | <input type="checkbox"/> Precipitation/snow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water/ice, depth, waves | <input type="checkbox"/> Length of sighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Time of day | <input type="checkbox"/> Distance to bird |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Optics/power, scope | <input type="checkbox"/> Field guide(s) used |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun location in relation to you & bird | <input type="checkbox"/> Other observers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What parts of bird couldn't be seen | |

EXPERIENCE:

- Experience with this species & location, no. years birding

SEND YOUR REPORT TO: Erika Wilson, MDDCRC Secretary
2032 Brooks Square Place
Falls Church, VA 22043

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: