

UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING

RECORD DOCUMENTATION Rec 21 Jun 83 (016)

1983-21 ufo

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Lat/long _____ Reporter _____ Sci Name _____
Habitat _____ Record type _____ Serial No. 83-016
Date/time _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name Northern Water Thrush
Scientific Name Seiurus noveboracensis
Sight date 14 May 83 time 10:40 ^{am} duration 5 min.
Distance from bird 65 feet
Light conditions overcast, flat light
Optical equip. 10x40 Bushnell roof prisms
Photo. equip. _____
Number of this species seen 1
Notes made at time of sighting ☒ Date this report was prepared.
Notes made later from memory ☐
Photo available ☐ Photo enclosed ☐

Weather at time of this observation.
Windy with light showers.

Prior weather & number of days since change.
Cold & unsettled - 3 days.

Locality
Stewart Lake Waterfowl Refuge
Jensen, Utah.

Male ☐ Adult ☒ Age unk. ☒ Basic Plumage ☐ Light Phase ☐
Female ☐ Subadult ☐ ♀ or Imm ☐ Breeding ☐ Dark Phase ☐
Sex Unk. ☒ Juv/Imm ☐ _____ year bird ☐ Eclipse ☐ Molting ☐

Description of bird. Size, Colors, all field marks OBSERVED - Unique features of this bird, if any.

Shape of chunky, thick hermit Thrush. Crown, Back, ~~Wing~~ Tail, & Rump dark Brown. Throat, Breast & Belly light with a pale yellow. cast. Throat, Breast & Sides striped (fine stripes) with dark Brown. light yellowish superciliary. light under tail coverts. This bird's posture was tipped forward, head lower than tail, with tail bobbing. Body rather thick, Bill thin & slightly decurved.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

None.

Variations from expected field marks.

None.

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

STREALED THROAT which eliminates L. Water Thrush.

Behavior of this bird. Include names of other birds with this one and any interaction.

foraging along margin of marsh, picking food out of MUD, much like a spotted sand piper. It would fly a short distance, feed in mud and then work through a tangle of branches. Active feeder ~~Feeder~~ & fairly tame. Would return everytime I pished. BOBBED TAIL ^(+Body) sort of

Habitat this location and near by or adjacent habitat if significant. Like a spotted Sand piper or water pip.

Describe birds song or sounds.

LOUD CHIP, sort of like a Husky MacGILLIVRAY's warbler. No song though. Responded to pishing by chirping from low perch.

Names of other observers. A/C+phone

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

THIS my 3rd N. Water Thrush (I had seen 2 the previous weekend on Antelope Island). I have seen L. Water Thrush in the Midwest.

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