

17-1985

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Ovenbird

Scientific Name: Seiurus aurocapillus

Date: 09-21-85

Time: 09:00 hrs.

Length of time observed: one hour

Number:

Age: U

Sex: ?

Location: 1726 24th St. Ogden, Weber Co., Utah

Lat/long: 3

Elevation (if known): 4700 ft.

Distance to bird: In hand

Light conditions: Good.

Optical equipment: Canon FTB1

Weather:

Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

*Bird measured, photographed, banded and released.
Measurements with Steel Caliper (dial) and Steel Ruler specially prepared
for wing measurements.
Total length = 146 mm; Wing 74.0 mm; Tail = 51.8 mm; Tarsus = 23.8 mm; Toe = 12.6 mm;
Culmen = 11.3 mm; anterior edge of nostril to tip of Bill = 8.3 mm; Wt. 216.0 grams.*

*Also one found dead that a scrub jay head on 09-25-85. Had some
damage to head but skin prepared and will send to B.Y.U. Zoology
Dept. Provo, Utah. Measurements similar to above Wt. 15.5 g and.
Data on tag and accompanying Catalog sheet.
Photos of this bird not ready yet.*

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

Behavior:

Habitat: Urban Scrub Oak Zone

What similar species might it have been and how were these eliminated:

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

Birds of Utah = Great Basin Nat. C. Legum 1949, Ward, Cleveo Colton, Bryan M. Woodbury, Herbert Frost
Utah Birds = Ut. Museum of Nat. History = William H. Behl and Michael S. Perry.
Field Guide to Western Birds: Roger Tory Peterson.

Significance of record in this area or the state: Rare W.H. Behl & M.L. Perry: 1975 lists
2 sight records. The skin may be the first specimen for museum study. The other banded
and released I also caught, banded and released 1981.

Additional material: (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording if available)

Photographs taken not processed yet but photos will be sent as soon as they
are finished

Description from notes taken at time of sighting notes made later from memory

Observer: Merlin S. Killpack

Signature: Merlin S. Killpack

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Other observers who independently identified this bird: none but an additional
specimen found dead 09-25-85 and skin prepared to be deposited in
B-Y.U. Zoological Collection.

Date prepared: 2 October 1985

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