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VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: *Brambling*
Dec 22 1985 (personal observation)

Scientific Name: *Fringilla montifringilla*

Date: *Nov 28, - Jan 12 1986* Time:

Length of time observed: *20 seconds*

Number: *1* Age:

Sex:

Location: *Brigham City, Ut*

Latilong:

Elevation (if known):

Distance to bird: *20 feet*

Light conditions: *good*

Optical equipment: *binoculars*

Weather:

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

small finch sized bird

conical bill

breast and shoulders orange-apricot

black and brown mottling on head

streaks on flanks

white belly below apricot breast

*The bird was seen briefly but a
good photo was obtained verifying the
identification*

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

Behavior: Sat in a tree, went to feeding, then disappeared when an accipiter appeared.

Habitat: Backyard feeder

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

The bright orange on breast and shoulder on a small finch is shared by no other bird.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

I have seen the Brambling once before in Logan, Utah

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

Jon Dunn verified photographs

Significance of record in this area or the state:

Second state record

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

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

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Other observers who independently identified this bird: Sharon Andress (First found and ident. bird), Carl Andress, Richard Sorensen, Joe Bergh, Jules Dreyfous, Vard Jones, Maxine Martz, many other observers

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