

APPENDIX V
 UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
 UTAH BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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Latilong _____ Record type _____ Serial No. _____
 Habitat _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name Veery
 Scientific Name Catharus Fuscescens
 Obs. date ^{May} 5-6-89 Time(s) _____
 Duration of obs. between ~0900, ~1500, + ~1930
 Distance from bird 50-200 yds
 Light conditions N/A
 Optical equip. N/A
 Photo equip. _____
 Notes made at time of sighting X Date report prepared _____
 Notes made later from memory X 5-7-89

Weather at time of this observation.
All day was clear to partly cloudy, wind calm to a light breeze, temp. 57°F to ~80°F

Prior weather and number of days since change
unknown

Locality North slopes of La Sal Mtns between elev.'s ~7600' to 8600'.
UTM's from ~42707N, 6525E to ~42727N, 6523E.
 Latilong block number 18

Enter number of birds in each category.	GENDER(S)		AGES(S)	
	Total number ^{heard only.} <u>observed.</u> <u>3</u>	Males _____	Females _____	Adults _____
	♀ or Imms _____	Unknowns <u>3</u>	2/3 yr birds _____	Unknowns <u>3</u>

PLUMAGE(S)		PHOTO(S)
Breeding _____	Transition _____	Available _____
Eclipse _____	Dark phase _____	Enclosed _____
Winter _____	Light ph. _____	
Other _____		

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

Not seen, but the distinctive song heard at 3 different locations thru-out this day hike, + at each spot the song was sung at least 3 different times.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

Variations from expected field marks.

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

Hermit Thrush song: Notes are not all so similarly short, nor given in such a rapid-fire sequence or such a systematically descending scale. The Veery's songs also sounded less flute-like or ethereal, tho still with a thrush quality.

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

At ~ 0900, first heard several songs near 8,600', mainly aspen/conifer (Doug-fir/Pond.pine).
At ~ 1930, last heard = 3 songs near 7,600', mainly scruboak/mtn brush.
At ~ 1500, also heard = 3 songs near 8,000', a mix of the above 2 veg. types.
Both veg. types were commonly mixed thru-out on these dry slopes where running water in the drainages was fairly common.

Describe bird's song or sounds. I didn't recognize the rolling series of rapid electronic piano-like notes until I got home + played the Veery song recording on the Peterson's tapes. I recognized it as the same song immediately, + it is so distinctive I doubt if another bird's song even comes close. The pitch range was similar to the range of notes in the Hermit Thrush song.

Print reporter's name, address, phone number.

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What is your experience with this or similar birds? Never heard or saw this sp. before. Have seen + heard the Hermit Thrush too many times to count.

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

Print Name _____ Signature _____

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