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Lat/long _____ Reporter _____ Sci Name _____

Habitat _____ Record type _____ Serial No. _____

Date/time _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name Le Conte's ThrasherScientific Name Toxostoma leconteiSight date 5 Mar. 1983 time 1310 duration 30 min.Distance from bird 60 to 200' estimatedLight conditions good, sun to observers backOptical equip. 7X35 binocs, 20x scopePhoto. equip. 35 mm camera with 300 mm lensNumber of this species seen 1Notes made at time of sighting Date this reportNotes made later from memory was prepared.Photo available Photo enclosed 8 Mar. 1983

Weather at time of this observation.

Clear, winds SW at 5 mph., 60°F

Prior weather & number of days since change

several days of rain & wind prior to this day.

Locality

Beaver Dam Slope, 0.8 mi. N. ofAriz.-Ut. state line & 1.2 mi. W. ofHwy 91. T435, R19W, sec. 26 SE 1/4Male 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.

Length of bird was approximately 10 - 11 inches. Coloration of upperparts excluding tail was uniformly tan or sandy. Underparts were lighter than upperparts - very light sandy, except undertail coverts which were buffy. Tail was quite long and slender (~ 4 inches), & light brown (much darker than back). Bill was dark, slender, and decurved, but not as decurved as Crissal thrasher. Eye was dark. Legs were dark.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL NOTES, LISTS OF REFERENCES, SKETCHES FROM LIFE; PHOTOGRAPHS ETC.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

None.

Variations from expected field marks. .

None.

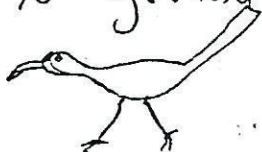
List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

Bendire's Thrasher: coloration is darker - grayish-brown, iris is yellow, & bill is less decurved. Underpart usually are lightly streaked.

Crissal Thrasher: Dark brown plumage, rufous undertail coverts, yellow iris.

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

Bird was first observed singing from the top of a Joshua tree. Later flew to ground and ran with tail held up at an angle:



Habitat this location and near by or adjacent habitat if significant.

Creosote bush (Larrea tridentata) & Ambrosia dumosa with scattered Joshua trees.

Describe birds song or sounds.

A series of musical phrases. Lacked the repetition of notes common with Crissal thrasher.

Names of other observers. A/C+phone#

Merrill Webb 224-6113

Mark Bromley 375-1564

5 others

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I have observed Leconte's Thrasher in Arizona, & crissal & Bendire's thrashers many times in Utah & Arizona.

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