

UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING RECORD DOCUMENTATION

1983-11 wfo

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE FOR U.F.O. RECORDS AND DOCUMENTATION CODES ONLY.

Lat/long _____ Reporter _____ Sci Name 83-036
 bitat _____ Record type _____ Serial No. 83-031
 Date/time _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name OVENBIRD
 Scientific Name Seiurus aurocapillus
 Sight date 9 May 83 time 10⁰⁰ AM duration 1-2 hrs
 Distance from bird 1 ft.
 Light conditions good
 Optical equip. eyes
 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 16 May 83

Weather at time of this observation.

clear, warm (60-65F)

Prior weather & number of days since change

at least 3 days since weather change

Locality Bird was picked up on the sidewalk in front of the Museum of Natural History, University of Utah by John Sypfers. my observation of this bird was made while the bird was in a box in the biology building at the University of 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.

spotted chest
orange-red cap (stripe down top of head)
white eye ring
looked like your average ovenbird

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

Variations from expected field marks.

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

When seen 'in hand' there really isn't anything similar to an ovenbird

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

Flew by ~~me~~ and touched the head of the person who caught it. ^(John Syphers)
Then it landed on the sidewalk and just sat still. The person then picked it up and took it to his lab. Seemed O.K. in about 1/2 hr. and was released outside the Life Sciences Building

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

Lawn and trees, some shrubs, buildings widely spaced

Describe birds song or sounds.

Names of other observers. A/C + phone #

John Syphers (didn't know what was)

201 Biology Building
SLC, Ut. 84112

581-6307

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I have banded 50-100 ovenbirds
in Toronto Ont.

as well most warblers, water thrushes
etc.

Print name & mailing address below.

Donna C. KNAUBER
502 'C' ST
SLC, Utah, 84103

A/C and Phone No. 363-8373, 581-712