

UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING RECORD DOCUMENTATION

1983-30 ufo

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Lat/long _____ Reporter _____ Sci Name _____
 Habitat _____ Record type _____ Serial No. 83-054
 Date/time _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name Brown Thrasher
 Scientific Name TOXOSTOMA RUFUM
 Sight date 23 Dec 83 time 11:10 duration 11:40 am
 Distance from bird 25-50^{ft}
 Light conditions BRIGHT-Very LIGHT SNOW FLURRIES
 Optical equip. SWIFT 7X35
 Photo. equip. None
 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 23 Dec 83

Weather at time of this observation.
Cold (30°) Light snow FLURRIES, No wind.
 Prior weather & number of days since chang.
Cold, Int. snow with periods of clearing.
 Locality
Wet Woods Along Provo River, Provo, 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.

Thrasher shaped. Forehead, crown, nape, Back, Rump, Tail + outer TAIL feathers striking reddish-brown. Bill longer than Sage Thrasher & slightly de curve. Chin + THROAT buffy. BREAST, side + Belly buffy with heavy dark ^{vertical} streaking. Yellow eye showed only in good light. Two off-white (same color as throat) wing bars. ~~Rump~~ Undertail coverts off white. In flight, the rufous dorsal surface appeared quite bright. IT WAS ABOUT THE SAME size as a CRISSAL Thrasher.

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.

Wood Thrush is spotted and has a shorter TAIL and is "chunkier." Sage Thrasher is smaller, gray. Hermit Thrush only has a reddish TAIL and is smaller with different breast markings.

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

This bird WAS SKULKING in the underbrush near a seep. IT NEVER FLEW HIGHER THAN 8' above the ground and WAS RELUCTANT TO SIT on an exposed perch. IT FORAGED under brush and trees in areas that were free of snow. We watched this bird for ABOUT 30 min, losing then re-finding it.

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

Moist woods (cottonwood + elm) with tangles of dogwood. We flushed 8 common snipe.

Describe birds song or sounds.

SILENT

Names of other observers. A/C + phone

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I HAVE seen this species several times in the EAST. I HAVE seen 9/11 & North American Thrashers as well as Wood Thrush.

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