

## UTAH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## Verification of Unusual Sight Record

Common Name: Varied Thrush Scientific Name: *Ixoreus naevius*  
 Date: 17-18 Dec 1984 Time: 1530 - 17 Dec. Length of time observed: 2 min. on 17 Dec.  
 1000 - 18 Dec. 30 min on 18 Dec.  
 Number: 1 Age: Adult Sex: Male  
 Location: Cedar City, Iron Co. Southern Utah State College  
 campus near Old Administration Bldg.  
 Lat/long: 19 Elevation: 5700 feet.  
 Distance to bird: 15-30 feet Light conditions: Good, Bright sunshine  
 Optical equipment: 7x35 binocs, SLR camera with 300 mm lens.  
 Weather: Partly cloudy on 17 Dec. Clear on 18 Dec.

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

Similar in size & shape to Am. Robin. Crown, neck, back, tail, & wings were a dark gray brown. Chin, throat, & breast were orange. There was a dark brown, <sup>to black</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide band extending across the upper breast. There was an orange eye stripe & 2 orange wing bars. The belly was pale orange to white. Eye & legs were dark. Bill was light brown.

Voice or call notes: a single soft "took".

Behavior: Bird was feeding on berries of Virginia Creeper that grow on sides of Old Admin. Bldg. Also observed sitting in trees adjacent to Bldg.

Habitat: College campus with numerous large trees.

Describe what specific features you saw or heard that caused you to reach your conclusion:

Robin shaped bird with orange eye stripe, orange wing bars, & dark breast band.

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

No similar species.

What experience have you had with this and similar species: I have observed hundreds of this species in Washington where I lived for 25 years. Also many sightings in W. Oregon & N. California.

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

none.

Significance of record in this area or the state:

2nd record for Latilong 19.

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

Photo enclosed.

Observer: Steven P. Hedges

Signature: Steven P. Hedges

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

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Date prepared: 26 Dec, 1984

Return this form to: Utah Ornithological Society  
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