

## VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: *Northern Water thrush* Scientific Name: *Seiurus noveboracensis*  
 Date: 9/14/85 Time: 11:00 AM (?) Length of time observed: 20 minutes off & on  
 Number: 1 Age: ? Sex: ?  
 Location: Pond 4 miles up  
 Lamb's canyon road  
 (just beyond main gate)  
 Latilong:  $\frac{111^{\circ} 30' \text{ long}}{37^{\circ} 30' \text{ long}}$ ;  $\frac{40^{\circ}}{42^{\circ} \text{ lat}}$  Elevation (if known): 7000' approximate  
 Distance to bird: 60-70' Light conditions: Good (mid-day)  
 Optical equipment: Binoculars (7X35)  
 Weather: Fair (sunny), 70°

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

Medium-sized bird (slightly smaller than Dipper which was feeding nearby), brown back & wings, streaked white breast, white eye stripe. Bobbing behavior was most noticeable first clue to its identity.

(I would never have known this bird; Bill (?) had apparently seen them before in other areas & when he identified it we quickly found it in our bird guides & it matched description & picture perfectly.)

Voice or call notes and method of delivery: *None noticed*

Behavior: *walking along edge of pond, feeding; tail bobbing motion*

Habitat: *uninhabited beaver pond, fresh mountain stream,  
conifers & deciduous trees*

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

What experience have you had with this and similar species: *None*

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

*Birds of North America, Robbins, Bruun, Zim, Singer*

Significance of record in this area or the state:

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

Description from notes taken at time of sighting \_\_\_ notes made later \_\_\_ from memory

Observer: *Dorothy C. Egan* Signature:

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Other observers who independently identified this bird: *Ruth Henson, Bill ?*

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