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VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Varied Thrush

Scientific Name: *Ixoreus naevius*

Date: October 5, 1985 Time: 9:30 AM

Length of time observed: 5 minutes

Number: 2 Age: 1 adult
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Sex: male
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Location: Promontory Mts

Latilong: 2

Elevation (if known):

Distance to bird: within 15 feet

Light conditions: Good

Optical equipment: Binoculars

Weather: calm

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

Bird #1 Robin size and shape (approx)
Thrush bill
Prom orange eyebrow
Two prom orange wingbars plus orange patch on folded primaries
Seen from the side breast was orange with orange and brown
scalups on the flanks and sides

Bird #2 Robin size and shape (approx)
Prom orange eyebrow and wingbars
Distinct black band across the breast
Bright orange underparts except for the black breast band
and some scaliness on the sides

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

Behavior: Bird #1 flew onto a branch and sat perched for about three minutes
Bird #2 flew past the first bird and lit in a nearby tree. Both birds were seen at the same time. The second bird was later found in the top of a Russian Olive tree

Habitat: Dense grove of trees near a ranch, surrounded by vast areas of little dec trees

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

The only similar species is the robin which lacks the wingbars, eyebrow and in the case of the male the distinct black band across the breast. The species is rather distictive.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

Robins I see often
Varied Thrushes I have seen in Calif

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

None

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 X from memory____

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