

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: ~~Brewer's~~ Ovenbird Scientific Name: *Seiurus aurocapillus*
 Date: July 29, 1988 Time: 10:30 AM Length of time observed: 2 hours
 Number: One (1) Age: immature Sex:
 Location: At residence 896 E 3975 So. Ogden, Weber County, Utah
 Lat/long: Three (3) Elevation (if known):
 Distance to bird: Bird in hand Light conditions: Bright
 Optical equipment: none
 Weather: Hot, clear, dry - no wind

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

1. Small, less than six inches.
2. Thin, warbler type bill.
3. Three stripes on head, center stripe buff, bordered on each side by a narrow black stripe.
4. Color grayish with tinge of olive.
5. No wing bars.
6. Pink legs and feet.
7. ~~White~~ white eye ring.
8. Large, black eyes.
9. Breast and belly with wavy bold, black stripes on breast and sides.
10. A check of feathers on top of head indicated the bird was immature.
11. The bird was silent so could not confirm sounds.

The bird had been stunned temporarily by flying into a window, but revived enough ~~to~~ to be released safely.

Voice or call notes and method of delivery: *Bird was silent.*

Behavior: *Noise at first due to flying into window, but very active after 30 minutes.*

Habitat: *NA in this case.*

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

Northern water thrush, but colors, stripes and tail different.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

I have seen the bird in Virginia and Minnesota, and have recorded it.

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

Golden and Nat'l Geographic field guides - they confirmed identification.

Significance of record in this area or the state: *Sightings in Utah rare. Prior to this incident Killpack has banded the bird twice.*

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

Slide is furnished.

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

** No ID to determine age made when Killpack banded bird.*

Observer: *John A. Nelson*

Signature:

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John A. Nelson

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

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Bird was banded by Killpack and recorded in his records.

Date prepared: *Sept. 10, 1988.*

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