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Verification of Unusual Sight Record

Common Name: Ovenbird

Scientific Name:

Date: Sept 24 1988 Time: \approx 2:30 PM

Length of time observed: 1 minute

Number: 1, Age:

Sex:

Location: Beryl UT

Lat/long: ~~20~~

Elevation:

Distance to bird: 20 feet

Light conditions: good

Optical equipment: 7X35 binoculars

Weather: clear, sl windy

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

underparts brilliant white with dark spots contrasting sharply

back olive

crown - two dark stripes with orangy, strip down middle

eyering - buff and white

Voice or call notes: *None heard*

Behavior: *walked along a ditch*

Habitat: *Isolated Ranch house in Great Basin*

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

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

The bird is unique

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

We observed + photographed an Ovenbird in exactly the same spot ^{previously} I have seen them in the east.

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 in available):

Observer: *Ella Sorensen*

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

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Date prepared:

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