

UTAH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Le Conte's Thrasher

Scientific Name: *Toxostoma lecontei*

Date: 12/29/94

Time: 1030

Length of time observed: ca 10 minutes

Number: 1

Age: adult

Sex: ?

Location: Snow Canyon S.P. - where road crosses wash S. of campground.
ca 150' downstream

Lat/long:

Elevation (if known):

Distance to bird: varied, as close as 15'

Light conditions: ~~clear~~ cloudy but good light - some periods of sun

Optical equipment: 8.5x44 Swift

Weather: cloudy, cool

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

A large very pale tan thrasher with a long down curved, slender bill. Very "erect" stance long tail distinctly darker than body; ~~no~~ whisker streak not very evident. Color was overall pale tan fading to ^{whitish} gray below. Undertail coverts tan-

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

Behavior: very active - running rapidly about with tail up in air. Was very tame and did not seem to mind my presence. At one pt it ran to

Habitat: within 15' of me. It made no attempt to hide.

Mixed deciduous - evergreen riparian scrub - dominants were live oak (*Quercus turbinella*) and hickberry (*Celtis reticulata*).
What similar species might it have been and how were these eliminated:

Oriscal Thrasher - undertail coverts, stance, behavior + overall color very different than this bird.

No streaking - so not curve-billed; bill too long for Bendires

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

I have good experience with all species except Le Conte's -

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

consulted NBS guide afterwards

Significance of record in this area or the state:

very rare - unusual habitat

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

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

Observer: John Spence

Signature: 

Address: see other record

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

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