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Bicknell's Thrush Description Fort Washington State Park

Day was cool and cloudy - Temperature 64°. There were a number of Thrushes in the woods this morning - 7 Swainson's, 6 Wood, 5 Veery and 2 Bicknell's.

The first Bicknell's that I saw was very close - range 15 to 20 feet - observed for 10 minutes with Jica 8x32 BA binoculars.

Breast was heavily spotted dark. The back was a lighter brown/dive than the other Gray-checked Thrushes seen earlier in the week. The tail and, on the wing, feather edges of the primaries were a lighter shade of brown but not with the contrast that a Hermit Thrush might have. The eye ring was more pronounced than in *minima* but not as pronounced as Swainson's Thrush. The lower mandible was yellow almost to the tip which was black.

The second bird was a little different in appearance and also seen at close range for about 10 minutes. The bird was uniform olive brown on the back and tail - with no contrast. Its breast was spotted with dark spots. It had the same type of bill and eye-ring as described above. However, this bird was singing the song of a Gray-checked Thrush/Bicknell's. I did not have a tape of Bicknell's Thrush to compare songs.

The first bird, I have no doubt that it was a Bicknell's Thrush. The second bird is probably based on bill and eye-ring.

Both birds appeared to be smaller than Gray-checked Thrushes (*minima*) that I had seen and had smaller bills.

Bill Morphy

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Tabulation Form - Round One

Species: Bicknell's Thrush (Catharus bicknelli)

Date of Sighting: 26 May 1996 to 26 May 1996

Location: FORT WASHINGTON STATE PARK

County: MONTGOMERY

Observer(s): Bill Murphy

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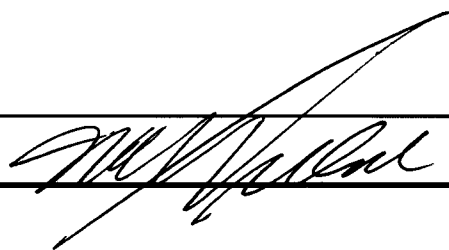
Specimen: No

Recording: No

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DECISION					X			

Comments: 0/6

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 9/23/03