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Varied Thrush



WYNCOTE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
18 DECEMBER 1993

FORT WASHINGTON STATE PARK

AT APPROXIMATELY 11:30 A.M. ON THE ABOVE DATE, WE ENTERED AN AREA OF THE PARK OFF WEST VALLEY GREEN ROAD BETWEEN CREEK LANE AND HUNTER LANE IN FLOURTOWN, PENNA. THIS AREA HAS MANY CRABAPPLE TREES. ON THE MORNING OF THE COUNT, THERE WERE HUNDREDS OF ROBINS FEEDING ON THE CRABAPPLES. AS IT HAPPENED, THE FIRST BIRD I PUT MY BINOCULARS ON WAS AN ADULT MALE VARIED THRUSH. NAOMI HAD IT IN VIEW IN SECONDS. WE WERE ABLE TO OBSERVE THE BIRD FOR AT LEAST 20 MINUTES AT A DISTANCE OF BETWEEN 20 TO 40 YARDS WITH NIKON 8X30E AND BAUSCH AND LOMB 10X42 ELITE BINOCULARS.

THE BIRD'S DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

THIS BIRDS WAS VERY BRIGHT ORANGE ON THE BREAST WITH A BLACK BAND GOING ACROSS THE BREAST. A BLACK LINE RAN THROUGH THE EYE TO THE NAPE AND THE EYEBROW WAS BRIGHT ORANGE. THE BILL WAS ALL DARK WITH THE LOWER NAMDIBLE BEING LIGHT AT THE BASE. THE CROWN, BACK AND TAIL WERE SLATY BLUE GREY AND THE THROAT WAS BRIGHT ORANGE. THERE WERE TWO BRIGHT ORANGE WINGBARS WITH SOME ORANGE MARKINGS ON THE PRIMARIES. THE BIRD WAS ROBIN SIZE. WE DID NOT NOTE THE LEG COLOR.

THERE WERE MANY ROBINS AND CEDAR WAXWINGS IN THE AREA ON THE DAY OF THE COUNT. MANY SEEMED TO BE MOVING THROUGH. I RETURNED TO THE AREA LATER IN THE AFTERNOON ON 18 DECEMBER BUT COULD NOT LOCATE THE BIRD. ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF PEOPLE SEARCHED FOR THE BIRD ON THE 19 DECEMBER, ONLY FRANK WINFELDER WAS ABLE TO LOCATE IT EARLY IN THE MORNING WITH A SMALL GROUP OF ROBINS.

I RETURNED TO THE AREA ON 12-25-93 AND FOUND THAT THERE WERE NO ROBINS AND ONLY A FEW HERMIT THRUSHES IN THE AREA AS OF THAT DATE. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NO ONE HAS LOCATED THE BIRD SINCE EARLY ON 19 DECEMBER AS INDICATED ABOVE. FRANK LET US KNOW ABOUT HIS FIND ON 12-27-93.

BILL AND NAOMI MURPHY

Bill + Naomi Murphy

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*)

Date of Sighting: 18 December 1993 to 19 December 1993

Location: FORT WASHINGTON STATE PARK

County: MONTGOMERY

Observer(s): Bill Murphy

Naomi Murphy

Date of Submission: 1996

Submitted by: Bill Murphy

Written Description: YES Photo: NO Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas			X					
N. Pulcinella		X						
E. Kwater			X					
R. Ickes			X					
G. McWilliams			X					
P. Schwalbe			X					
S. Feldstein			X					
TOTALS		1	6					
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F. C. Haas

Date:

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