

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2019-03-03 21:02:42
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Species (Common Name)	Varied Thrush
Species (Scientific Name)	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult Male
Observation Date and Time	03-03-2019 8:20 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S53340105
County	Northampton
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Hanover Twp.,
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	23 S. Commerce Way, Bethlehem 18017
GPS coordinates of sighting	40°40'22.70"N, 75°22'29.91"W
Habitat	Ornamental tree line in a light industrial/office park.
Distance to bird	Approx. 100 ft.
Viewing conditions	Clear sunny cold morning, good light
Optical equipment used	Swarovski 8 x 42 SLC Binoculars

Description	Orange throated and breasted thrush with a black neck collar. Face was orangey with a black mask and orange above the mask. Weak orange wing markings. Back coloration was blue-grey.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Bird was traveling with a flock of robins that's been feeding on ornamental fruiting trees. When I saw it, the bird flew from a tree-line between buildings into a bare tree in the parking lot. It perched in the outer branches for about 5 minutes, flew to another nearby bare tree for a couple more minutes then flew off to the north with the robin flock.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Black neck collar, orange throat and wing-markings, black mask, and blue-grey mantle distinguish from American Robin or Eastern Bluebird. No other North American thrush even comes close to looking like it.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	There are pictures of the bird in eBird taken by others.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes. No other bird looks like Varied Thrush.
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Submission Date	2019-03-05 19:34:29
Observer's Name	Ian Gardner
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Observer's Address	Harrisburg PA United States
Species (Common Name)	Varied Thrush
Species (Scientific Name)	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult Male
Observation Date and Time	03-03-2019 3:00 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S53352405
County	Northampton
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Bethlehem
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	2475 Brodhead Rd
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.6789,-75.3630
Habitat	Commercial/Industrial complex with lines of planted trees (mostly maple, spruce, cherry, and crabapple) and some unattended treelines that provide most of the usable habitat in the area
Distance to bird	20 feet
Viewing conditions	Overcast and calm then flurries leading to heavy snowfall
Optical equipment used	Swarovski 8.5x40 binoculars
Description	Thrush of similar size to American Robins, but a bit thinner overall. Dark gray head with orange supercilium and throat, black chest band, orange breast leading to mottled gray belly, white under tail coverts, dark gray tail and back, with patterned orange and gray wings.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

First seen perched with about a dozen American Robins in Red Maple tree along Brodhead Road and then it flew approx. 50 feet over to a fruiting crabapple tree. Orange carpal bar on gray wing seen well in flight. It ate crabapples with about 20 robins until a loud car flushed most of the birds. The Varied Thrush remained in the tree for about 30 more seconds before flying with the remaining robins to the nearby treeline.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Similar size and shape to the American Robins, but the Varied Thrush has a darker head, orange supercilium, throat, and breast, and bold black chest bar. Bold orange bar on wing also stands out. No other species looks similar in North America.

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

Seen and photographed by several other people over the weekend.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes, I've seen and heard several Varied Thrushes in the Pacific NW.

During

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Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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Submission Date	2019-03-06 08:23:24
Observer's Name	Bert Filemyr
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Species (Common Name)	Varied Thrush
Species (Scientific Name)	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	02-26-2019 7:20 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S53168393
County	Northampton
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Unknown
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Near Compassionate Care Hospice
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.670867, -75.382713
Habitat	Industrial park
Distance to bird	35 feet
Viewing conditions	Clear, sunny
Optical equipment used	Nikon 8x42
Description	Thrush like Robin sized bird, dark back, 2 prominent orange wing bars, orange eye stripe. Orange chest with dark V on upper chest.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

Associating with robins, feeding on crabapples still on a tree and those that have fallen to the ground

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Dark V on chest was one of many field marks that separated it from robins

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes, experiences with this species in northwest US

After

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Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

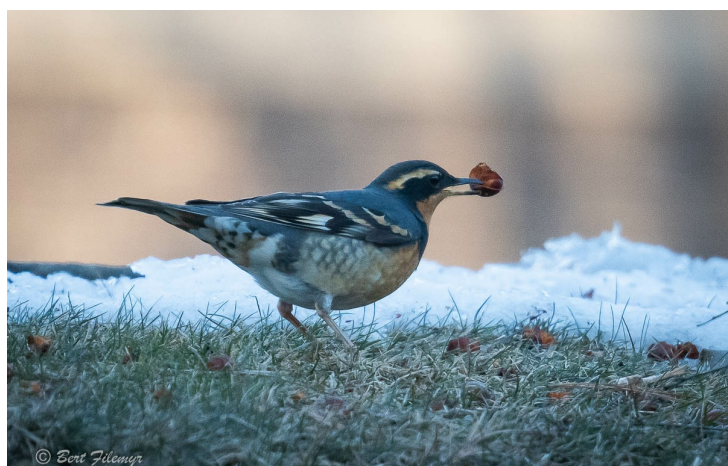
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