

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2019-12-05 12:23:10
Observer's Name	Jack Reese
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Observer's Address	2921 SPRING VALLEY RD LANCASTER PA 176011429 United States
Species (Common Name)	Varied Thrush
Species (Scientific Name)	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	12-04-2019 11:20 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/checklist/S61977187
County	Lancaster
Location (City, Borough, Township)	East Hempfield Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Backyard of residence
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.0625 -76.3927
Habitat	Wooded backyard
Distance to bird	20 ft
Viewing conditions	Clear day
Optical equipment used	Nikon Monarch 12x56
Description	Unmistakeable. Large group of feeding birds in back yard - visible 15-20 feet up in mulberry tree overhanging back deck. Stationary, not visiting feeders. Open views with binoculars clearly showing orange throat, eyebrow, wing markings and black belly band identifying as VATH. Snuck away to retrieve camera and was no longer present upon return.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Stationary in tree above large group of feeding birds surrounding feeder. Did not visit feeders, upon return in attempt to get camera, bird was no longer visible in area.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Very distinctive markings with unobstructed view. Orange eyebrow, wing markings, and throat distinguished from other potential species of similar size.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	Will continue to push this weekend to relocate for photo. Extremely confident in ID, great view at close range and very distinctive markings. Feel free to contact for further information.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes
During	Sibley guide/Merlin
After	Same
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Submission Date	2019-12-11 17:00:15
Observer's Name	Pamela Fisher
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Observer's Address	761 Gap PA 17527 United States
Names of additional observers	John Lahr, Mike Shull
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)	I believe that it's an immature male.
Observation Date and Time	12-11-2019 12:00 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/checklist/S62222134
County	Lancaster
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Lancaster
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Spring Valley Road
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.0619856, -76.3919564
Habitat	Suburban with a small woodlot behind some of the houses.
Distance to bird	50-75 yards.
Viewing conditions	Mostly sunny, but the sun was mostly in our faces.
Optical equipment used	Bushnell 10x42 binoculars

Description	A Robin sized bird. Gray back, orange eyebrow, orange throat with a dark gray chest band, orange underparts with a scale pattern on the flanks. It also had orangey wing bars.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	It was actively foraging in the leaf litter.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	The orange eyebrow, orange wing bars and orange underparts don't match any other Thrush that I know of.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	This bird has been seen and photographed by many people.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes. We had extremely good looks, plus it looked just like the bird in the field guide.
During	iBird Pro
After	Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America.
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photograph <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video

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