

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2019-03-03 21:02:42
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Observer's Address	1225 Pericles Pl. Whitehall PA 18052 United States
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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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