

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 2016-091

Name of bird form: Townsend's Solitaire

Committee member name: Josh Engel

Date of review: 3/14/17

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-E (voice recording)

Comments: Although the recording is weak, it does sound like a Townsend's Solitaire. And while I know that birds will sometimes respond to the recordings of other species. Andy's description of the response as a "a high pitched short whistle like call repeated every few seconds for about 30 seconds" sounds very much like a solitaire.

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Record #: 2016-091

Name of bird form: Townsend's Solitaire

Committee member name: Fraker

Date of review: 3/8/17

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-I

Comments: Great seeing a person field record a call and get the spectrogram.

Although this call seems to fall in line VERY well with the xeno-canto spectrograms (both at freq. of 3 kHz and similar length), it is very difficult making this call from a single faint call note. I wish we had three or four calls with which to work.

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Record #: 2016-091

Name of bird form: Townsend's Solitaire

Committee member name: Walter Marcisz

Date of review: 25 March 2017

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-E (audio), A-S (1)

Comments:

I believe this record should be accepted on the basis of Andy Gilbert's detailed written documentation, audio recording, and spectrogram. Colin Dobson's documentation is not very helpful – I consider it only to be supportive of Andy Gilbert's documentation. If Colin's was the only documentation submitted, I doubt that I would have approved this record.

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Record #: 2016-091

Name of bird form: Townsend's Solitaire

Committee member name: McMullen

Date of review: 3-8-17

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-E (recording)

Comments:

I've heard several in Illinois and am very familiar with there calls and this IS a Townsend's calling. Not a Robin, nor a finch, nor Fox Sparrow.

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Record #: 2016-091

Name of bird form: Townsend's Solitaire

Committee member name: Douglas Stotz

Date of review: 3 April 2017

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-I

Comments: I am willing to accept a record of this species based on just hearing the distinctive single call note. It is distinctive. However, neither report describes the call, so we are left with the observers heard a single note call that they say sounded like a solitaire. The Gilbert submitted an audio recording and also included the same audio recording on an e-bird checklist that can be accessed. Unfortunately, I cannot hear the bird call on any of these recordings with my computer at full volume. On the e-bird submission, the recording has a sonogram. Looking at it, there is a sonogram signal of a single call. Unfortunately this signal does not look like the sonogram of Townsend's Solitaires that I have found on the internet, which has a strong pulse right at the start and then trail off on the same pitch. The note recorded by Gilbert seems to go down a little and really lacks a strong opening pulse. The pitch looks to be about right.

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Name of bird form: Townsend's Solitaire

Committee member name: Paul Sweet

Date of review: 3/8/17

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-I

Comments: This is an unfortunate record – the call is fairly distinctive, but there isn't enough in the audio that was submitted. Hopefully, the other one will come in eventually, in which case a 2nd submission would definitely be warranted.

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Record #: 2016-091

Name of bird form: Townsend's Solitaire

Committee member name: Geoffrey A. Williamson

Date of review: 4 March 2017

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-E(audio)

Comments:

The identification is a little tenuous since the bird wasn't seen and because the recorded call note sounds a little sharper to my ear than it should. I listened to a number of call samples available on xeno-canto.org, and these were fairly uniform in pitch, being a little lower than this bird's note. However, recording XC158511 on xeno-canto by Ian Cruickshank has a couple of notes in it that are a good match for 2016-091, and the spectrogram of the call of 2016-091 (available on the eBird checklist (<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S32874545>)) looks good for Townsend's Solitaire.