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1) This form submitted as supporting documentation of (check all that apply):	Unusual species
If other, please describe:	
2) Species:	Townsend's Solitaire
3) Number of birds:	1
4) Age/Sex/Plumage:	Unknown
5) Date:	2016-12-05
6) Location (include county):	Sand Ridge Stare Forest. Mason County. Near Pump house 5 on Pine Valley Road
7) Observers:	Andy Gilbert
8) Your name:	AndyGilbert
Street Address	██████████
Street Address Line 2	
City	██████
State / Province / Region	██████
Postal / Zip Code	██████
Country	██████████
10) Your e-mail address:	██████████
11) Others agreeing with the identification:	No Others Present
12) Observers NOT agreeing with the identification:	No Others Present
13) Description of bird (size, shape, proportions, details of both color and pattern on head, back, chin, throat,	Bird was heard only.

breast, flanks, wings, undertail, and tail, etc.; coloration of soft parts: bill, legs, and feet) include only details actually seen in the field :	
14) Description of behavior:	Bird was heard only.
15) Description of vocalizations:	That morning I birded the area for a while without locating the bird. I eventually played a recording of the birds call notes from the Audubon Birds app for about 30 seconds. The bird instantly began calling from about maybe 30 to 40 yards into the woods and seemed to be coming from relatively high in the trees. The calls were a high pitched short whistle like call repeated every few seconds for about 30 seconds. I attempted to get a recording of the calling then, but in my excitement of finding the bird I pressed the button to snap a photo instead of starting the video. By the time I had realized what I had done I was only able to get a recording of one of its call notes. I waited a few minutes after the bird had quit calling and I attempted another round of playback. The bird again responded instantly with calling for about 20 to 30 seconds, but was farther away and was not detectable to the camera. At this point I had to leave to be able to make it to work on time. The bird's calls matched exactly that of the recording I was using. I also used Ravenlite to get a spectrogram of the call. It looked very similar to call notes from the Xeno Canto website, but I am not very experienced in comparing spectrograms. I will attach a copy of the spectrogram.
16) Description of immediate and surrounding habitat(s):	Upland deciduous forest with a good amount of conifers.
17) Optical equipment used for observation (type, power):	Audio was recorded using Nikon Coolpix camera.
18) Distance/how measured?	30-40 yards into the woods. Distance was estimated. I have completed hundreds of point counts for work and am very experienced estimating distance of vocalizing birds.
19) Time of observation:	06:50 am
20) Total time of observation:	5 minutes
21) Weather conditions:	Cool overcast morning. Very little to no wind.
22) Previous experience with this species and similar species:	I have heard this bird several times before when I lived in Wyoming, but it has been awhile so I am not super familiar with its calls. With the direct comparison to the playback, I am though confident in my identification.
23) Please eliminate other similar species and/or hybrids:	Bird was heard in direct comparison to a recording of Solitaire call. The call notes matched exactly in length, pitch and amount of time between calls to the recording.
24) Were photos obtained?	No
25) If so, by whom?	Audio recording obtained by Andy Gilbert
26) Books and illustrations	Audubon Birds App and Ravenlite audio program.

consulted and advice received. How did these influence this description?:	
27) How long after the observation were field notes recorded?	Field notes recorded within 20 to 30 minutes of observation.
28) How long after the observation was this form completed?	16 days
29) Additional remarks (URLs can be entered here):	Ebird report with audio recording. http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S32874545