

FIRST RECORD OF LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH (*SEIURUS MOTACILLA*) FROM COZUMEL ISLAND, QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO

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Cozumel Island is located in the Caribbean Sea between 20° 16' and 20° 36'N and 86° 44' and 87° 02'W, 17.5 km off the northeastern coast of the Yucatan Peninsula. We visited the island monthly from August 1994 to August 1995. During each visit, we performed 25 m fixed-radius point counts and used ten mist nets set in line to sample and band birds. This sampling was carried out in each of the island's five principal terrestrial habitats (tropical subdeciduous forest, tropical deciduous forest, mangroves, halophilic and dune vegetation, and tasistal).

In the course of this work we obtained the first record for the Louisiana Waterthrush (*Seiurus motacilla*) in Cozumel, a species not previously reported for the island. AOU (1998) mentions that the Louisiana Waterthrush winters through Middle America and West Indies, but did not list records from the island. Both Paynter (1955) and Howell and Webb (1995) considered the species extremely rare in the Yucatan Peninsula, listing it as a casual transient and an uncommon transient, respectively. Howell and Webb (1995) considered the presence of this species on Cozumel Island as hypothetical.

We collected the one individual in tropical deciduous forest (28 km SW San Miguel, 4 km NW on road to Laguna Colombia) on 15 March 1995 (skin, skeleton, and tissues deposited at the Instituto de Biología, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, CNAV 023261). Robert Waide apparently previously sighted two individuals of this species on Cozumel on 19 July, 1978, but this information was never published (Barbara Mackinnon, pers. comm.). Hence, this species can be considered as at least an uncommon transient on Cozumel Island, if not as a regular migrant at low densities.

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