

Varied Thrush in Texas.—A male Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*) appeared under the hedge in my yard in El Paso, Texas, on February 12, 1956, and remained as a visitor until March 21, 1956. At first he was very shy and stayed well under cover, but within a day or two he was feeding openly on the mixed grain I had put out for sparrows, pausing now and then to drive away the sparrow nearest to him. Before long he became so tame that he would fly only a short distance when anyone approached. I saw him only once at the bird bath. He seemed to prefer to drink from the end of the hose and I often let it run just for his benefit. Early in March Mr. Dewitt Johnson set up a blind in the yard. Mrs. Johnson spent two mornings in it and obtained a sequence of colored movies. In addition to the colored movies, two different persons obtained recognizable pictures during the early part of the thrush's sojourn so there is absolutely no question as to the correct identification.

This is believed to be the first authenticated record of the Varied Thrush in Texas. However, Mrs. E. W. Miner (1946. "Bird Check-list of Southeast Texas, p. 26) reported sight records at Cove, Texas, on November 4, and 6, 1935. The species is not mentioned by Wolfe (1956. "Check-list of the Birds of Texas").—MARY BELLE KEEFER, 3027 Federal St., El Paso, Texas, August 1, 1956.