

In late December, I called Hall to ask if I could see the bird. On 14 Jan. 1996, Al Stokie, Rick Siebert, Bob Erickson, Jeff Sanders, Barb Meding, and I drove to the Halls and caught Tom Hall in his driveway. While talking to him, we saw the thrush in a large tree next to his house. This beautifully colored male had a rich, wide buff orange stripe above its eye and rectangular-like buff/orange marks from the tertials to the primaries. Its smooth, pumpkin-colored breast featured a dark band. When the bird turned, we observed an ice-blue back.

This western thrush is typically associated with coniferous trees and berry bushes, and also frequents feeders. Bohlen (1989) said that "even though their princi-

pal range is the West Coast of North America, they probably occur every winter in Illinois in small numbers." Most records are from northern Illinois between 21 Nov. and 1 May. The McHenry County Varied Thrush was last seen on 22 April 1996.

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In Memory of Roger Tory Peterson

Roger Tory Peterson, the most prominent ornithologist and conservationist of our time, died on July 28, 1996. Mr. Peterson not only helped bring the world of birds, butterflies, trees, and other natural wonders closer to the general public, but he also displayed a conservation ethic in everything he did. Following is a brief quote from Mr. Peterson for birders to ponder. This is taken from the Peterson Field Guides: Eastern Birds. 1980. Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, Massachusetts 02108:

Birds undeniably contribute to our pleasure and standard of living. But they are also sensitive indicators of the environment, a sort of "ecological litmus paper," and hence more meaningful than just chickadees and cardinals to brighten the suburban garden, grouse and ducks to fill the sportsman's bag, or rare warblers and shorebirds to be ticked off on the birder's checklist. The observation of birds leads inevitably to environmental awareness.

—Roger Tory Peterson

It is our hope that, in memory of Roger Tory Peterson, environmental awareness remains at the top of every birder's list.