

Species: OVENBIRD

Record No. 674-77-01

Location: HQTRS. MALHEUR NWR, HARNEY CO.

Date(s): OCT. 1, 1977

Observers	details	slides	prints	tapes
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Specimen no. & location _____

Accepted ✓

Not accepted _____

verified _____

origin questionable _____

Single rept. sighting ✓

exotic not estab. _____

Multiple rept. sighting _____

Records split _____

Records combined _____

Disposition

Secretary's File

Duplicate File

Main File A

details A

Slide File _____

slides _____

Print File _____

prints _____

Tape File _____

tapes _____

Date observer(s) notified: _____

An Autumn Record of the Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapillus*)
from Malhuer National Wildlife Refuge

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I was birding alone at the headquarters of Malhuer National Wildlife Refuge on October 1, 1977. It was near freezing and sunny.

I was walking along a short vine covered wall when an adult Ovenbird flew from the ground and onto the wall about 15 feet in front of me. I observed the following field marks during the five or more seconds that it remained in sight. It was a small bird, smaller than the nearby White-crowned Sparrows. The back was plain greenish-brown. The throat was white. The bill was thin and pointed. The white breast was well marked with black spots. These spots were not perfectly round. The crown was orange. A white eyering was conspicuous on the otherwise much darker face.

I am familiar with this species from the east and central parts of the country. Although I cannot support the sighting with photographs, I am certain of the identification and and therefore submit this record for consideration.

record submitted by T. Gilligan