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## FURTHER RECORDS OF THE VARIED THRUSH AT ROSETOWN, SASKATCHEWAN

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In the September 1968 *Blue Jay* (26:122-3) I reported seeing a Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*) at Rosetown on October 9 and 10, 1967. Since then, we have had two records for this area which I should like to report.

On May 6, 1968 a Varied Thrush was positively identified at Valley Centre (18 miles north and seven miles east of Rosetown) by Mrs. H. Renaud when it came within yards of the picture window.

On September 22, 1968 another individual was sighted and photographed at the same location. Because it was evidently suffering from a wing injury it was unusually tame. It was observed from about 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. when it remained in the same group of trees; then it flew off and was not seen again until 6:00 p.m. when it was sighted in the neighbour's trees. It was apparently becoming very weak because it was flushed from the ground twice and only flew a few yards before alighting once more. Attempts to capture it proved fruitless.

On the morning of September 23 it was caught by a cat, but the wings, tail and parts of the back and breast were salvaged, and I sent these to the

Editor of the *Blue Jay*, establishing positively the occurrence of the bird in the Rosetown area.

These sightings indicate that the Varied Thrush may not be as rare in Saskatchewan as once thought.

[Editor's Note: It is also of interest that the Varied Thrush reappeared in Regina in the fall of 1968. A single bird of this species was seen at the McKay's bird bath on Angus Street, near the Legislative Buildings, on October 9, 1968. It was observed on that date by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McKay, who showed it the following day to Dr. George Ledingham and myself. A second observation of a Varied Thrush in a different location was made on November 9 by Ken Johnson at 1522 Athol Street, who called Frank Brazier to confirm his identification. Then on November 14, a Varied Thrush appeared on the east side of the city, on Winnipeg Street, where it was first reported by Mrs. Dorothy Tegart. It was seen again in the backyard on a number of occasions up to November 28, by Mrs. Tegart and myself. It was never established whether it was the same individual that was observed in the three different locations.—Margaret Belcher.]