

RESULTS:

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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS, DRAWINGS AND ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY)

SPECIES: MOURNING WARBLER DORORNIS PHILADELPHIA
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)

DATE(S) OF OBSERVATION: MAY 14, 2001

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: MALE PLUMAGE: BREEDING

EXACT LOCATION: BARR LAKE STATE PARK

COUNTY: ADAMS NEAREST TOWN: BRIGHTON ELEVATION: 5000'

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 1-2 MINUTES TIME(S) OF OBSERVATION: 8 AM

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO SAW THE BIRD(S) WITH YOU:

ROBERT ANDREWS

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S):

LIGHT CONDITIONS (QUALITY; DIRECTION RELATIVE TO BIRD(S); POSITION):

BRIGHT sun

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED:

10 x 40 BINOCULARS

DISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED): 20 YARDS

WAS BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED? _____ IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS? _____

WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? _____

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD(S) OCCURRED:

AT BASE OF SMALL WILLOW TREES, THEN FLEW INTO THE LOWER BRANCHES OF A COTTONWOOD TREE.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD'S BEHAVIOR (FLYING; FEEDING; HABITS; BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION):

FIRST ROUND FEEDING AT THE BASE OF WILLOW TREES,
BEHAVIOR DID NOT CONTRIBUTE MUCH TO IDENTIFICATION,
BUT IT DID NOT ACT LIKE A TREE TOP WARBLER.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. INCLUDE THE OVERALL SIZE AND SHAPE AND HOW YOU PLACED THE BIRD IN THE GENERAL GROUP THAT YOU DID. GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF PLUMAGE, INCLUDING HEAD, THROAT, UNDERSIDES, NAPE, BACK, WINGS AND TAIL. GIVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO MARKS YOU USED TO IDENTIFY THE BIRD(S). DESCRIBE OTHER DETAILS, SUCH AS COLOR AND SHAPE OF BILL, LEGS, EYE, ETC. THAT WERE IMPORTANT IN MAKING THE IDENTIFICATION. (FILL OUT THIS PORTION EVEN IF PHOTOGRAPHS ARE SUBMITTED; YOU MAY ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, DRAWINGS, FIELD SKETCHES OR COPY OF FIELD NOTES):

I FIRST SAW THE BIRDS FLYING AWAY FROM ME; IT LANDED ON A SMALL BRANCH AND I SAID MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER. HOWEVER, AS THE BIRD TURNED PARTLY TOWARDS ME, I COULD SEE NO EYE RING WHATSOEVER, AND THE CENTRAL BREAST FEATHERS THAT STUCK OUT A LITTLE WERE JET BLACK. BOB AND I THEN SAID TO EACH OTHER THAT IT WAS NOT A MACGILLIVRAY'S. FURTHER CLEAR, BUT SOMEWHAT BRIEF, LOOKS CONFIRMED THE FEATURES MENTIONED ABOVE. OF COURSE, THE BIRD HAD A DARK GRAY HEAD AND HOOD, DARK OLIVE BACK AND UPPER TAIL, AND WAS COMPLETELY YELLOW BELOW. IT HAD BRIGHT ORANGE LEGS AND A DARK BILL. THE PATTERN OF THE DESCRIBE BIRD'S CALL OR SONG: UNDERTAIL WAS NOT SEEN.

NONE GIVEN

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM:

MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER - NO EYE RING AT ALL, BLACK CENTRAL BREAST FEATHERS
CONNECTICUT WARBLER - NO EYE RING AT ALL, RICHER COLORS ON MOURNING,
DARKER HOOD AND BACK AND BRIGHTER YELLOW BELOW.

WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES?

HAVE SEEN MOURNING WARBLER 3 TIMES BEFORE, MACGILLIVRAY'S NUMEROUS TIMES.

LIST BOOKS, GUIDES, RECORDINGS OR OTHER SOURCES CONSULTED AND HOW THIS INFLUENCED YOUR IDENTIFICATION (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION):

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GUIDE, DUNN AND GARRETT WARBLER BOOK.

THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM NOTES MADE DURING _____ OR AFTER ☒ OBSERVATION, OR LATER FROM MEMORY _____.

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