

Species: HERMIT WARBLER
(Vernacular name)DENDROICA OCCIDENTALIS
(Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students--those studying occurrences 50 years from now--must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Date (s): 16 MAY 1980 Time Bird Seen: 3 P.M. to _____Locality: TWO MILES NORTH OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO

Nearest town, county and state: _____

Optical equipment: 7X35 BINOCULARS

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: MALE Plumage: ADULTLight conditions: EXCELLENT, SUNNYDistance from bird, and how measured: 40 FEET (ESTIMATED) STRAIGHT UP.

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

TYPICAL WARBLER BEHAVIOR, FLITTING FROM BRANCH TO BRANCH
IN THE TOP OF A PONDEROSA PINE AND THEN A NARROWLEAF
COTTONWOOD TREE (WITHOUT LEAVES).

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

ROADSIDE COTTONWOODS PLUS ONE TALL PONDEROSA PINE NEAR
DALLAS CREEK

Other observers who independently identified this bird. (Please list name and address):

NONE

Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks-used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough.) Describe what you actually saw in the field.

WARBLER SIZE AND SHAPE. BRIGHT YELLOW HEAD WITH BLACK EYE.
MEDIUM TO DARK GRAY BACK EXTENDING UP BACK OF NECK ALMOST TO
CROWN, WHITE BREAST, WHITE ON SIDES OF TAIL AND UNDER TAIL,
BLACK BIB, NARROW ON THROAT BUT WIDENING ON UPPER BREAST,
WHITE WING BARS (FAINTER THAN IN ILLUSTRATIONS IN BIRD BOOKS)

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery--
i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

NONE HEARD

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER; BLACK BIB TOO SMALL ON BIRD SEEN
LAWRENCE'S WARBLER; WHITE BREAST, NO MASK, " " "
BACHMAN'S WARBLER; WHITE BREAST, NO BLACK ON CROWN " " "

Prior experience with this and similar species:

NONE

This report was written from notes made during _____ after X observation; from memory _____.

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