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UNUSUAL REPORT

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DATES OBSERVED : MAY 13 & 16, 1982

LOCALITY : MYRON STRATTON HOME, COLORADO SPRINGS,  
EL PASO COUNTY. LAT/LONG 19 (PUEBLO)

TIME OBSERVED : 3<sup>00</sup> PM - 3<sup>15</sup> PM, 13 MAY  
4<sup>30</sup> PM - 5<sup>00</sup> PM, 16 MAY

TOTAL DURATION : 45 MINUTES.

OTHER OBSERVERS : ELINOR WILLS SAW THIS BIRD  
ON MAY 15 IN THE SAME LOCALITY BUT  
NOT LONG ENOUGH TO WRITE A REPORT.  
ELINOR WAS NOT AWARE THAT I HAD  
OBSERVED THIS BIRD AND IN THE SAME  
AREA UNTIL SHE REPORTED IT TO ME  
THAT NIGHT.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT : 10X50 BUSHNELL BINOCULAR  
DISTANCE : 3-15 METERS

BEHAVIOR : OBSERVED FEEDING IN THE LOWER  
AND MID-HEIGHT PORTIONS OF DECIDUOUS  
TREES. MOST OF THE FEEDING WAS ON BRANCH  
TIPS, OFTEN MAKING SHORT FLIGHTS FROM  
BRANCH TO BRANCH.

RELATIVE SIZE AND SHAPE : A SMALL WARBLER-  
LIKE BIRD.

COLOR PATTERN : DORSALLY A SOMEWHAT  
GREENISH COLOR ON THE BACK AND A  
GREENISH GRAY ON WINGS, TAIL & CROWN.



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WING BARS ABSENT.

VENTRALLY THE BIRD WAS YELLOWISH COLOR CONTINUOUSLY FROM THROAT TO THE UNDERTAIL COVERTS, INCLUDING FLANKS AND SIDES. THE COLOR WAS UNBROKEN ACROSS BREAST AND NOT ~~UNBROKEN~~ CONFINED TO THE SIDES AND FLANKS.

FACIAL PATTERN: THE SUPERCILIARY WAS WHITISH ABOVE A DARK EYE. THE EYE-LINE WAS BLACK AND <sup>NARROW</sup> ~~EXTENDING~~ EXTENDING FROM JUST IN FRONT OF EYE TO JUST BEHIND IT. THE EYELINE WAS VERY PRONOUNCED IN THE LORAL REGION, APPEARING AS A LORAL SPOT. NO EYERING.

BILL COLOR APPEARED TO BE HORN. THE BILL WAS STOUTER THAN A WARBLER BUT SLIGHTER THAN THAT OF A SOLITARY VIREO OR RED-EYED VIREO.

NO CALL OR SONG HEARD.

NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES. OF THE 7 ~~SPECIES~~ SPECIES OF VIREOS I HAVE SEEN IT RESEMBLED THE WARBLING VIREO THE MOST. I ELIMINATED THE WARBLING VIREO BY THE CONTINUOUS YELLOW COLOR ACROSS THE BREAST OF THE PHILADELPHIA. THE ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER WAS ELIMINATED BY THE ~~ORANGE~~ YELLOWBREAST DEVOID OF EVEN A HINT OF STRIPING. BLUE-WINGED WARBLER HAS WHITE UNDERTAIL COVERTS(?) AND YELLOW FORECROWN & <sup>WING BARS</sup> WING BARS. THENASHVILLE W. HAS AN EYE RING.



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THIS REPORT WAS WRITTEN FROM NOTES  
MADE DURING OBSERVATION.

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