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## VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: Worm-eating Warbler (Vernacular Name) Helminthophila vermivorus (Scientific Name) 2. Number: 1
3. Location: Waterton Bridge, Jefferson County, Colorado
4. Date(s): May 22-April 29-30 1967 5. Time bird seen: 29: 9:00a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
30: morning, early
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
- Attracted to bird by Chipping-Sparrow-like song. Saw stripes on head--then noticed thin bill. Saw buffy breast. Bird fed like other warblers in the flock it was with--Audubon's, Myrtle, Virginia's. The second day I went out with Lois Webster and found the bird again; it was in the same place and the same field marks were noted, although the breast appeared yellow that day. The next day Thompson Marsh and I went out, and the bird could not be found.
7. Description of voice, if heard: above
8. Description of behavior: ; above
9. Habitat--general: cottonwood river bottom  
specific: cottonwood trees
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain: See above for comparison with Chipping Sparrow, and I suppose Swainson's and other drab warblers.
11. Distance (how measured?): 25 feet
12. Optical equipment: 7x35 binoculars
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer): good.
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: none
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? experience with Colorado birds
16. Other observers: Lois Webster, see above.
17. Did others agree with your identification? yes
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: Lois Webster
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: Peterson, I suppose. Don't remember.
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:
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(USE THE REVERSE, OR ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY)