

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Worm-eating Warbler | Helminthophila vermivorus
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date: May 15, 1990Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Male? Plumage: AdultLocality: # South side of Bonny Reservoir first at east edge Elevation: 3700' ±Nearest town: 7 Wagon Wheel Campground then farther west toward pond County: Yuma
IdaliaTime(s) observed: 8:30 AM & 9 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 3 minutes first time, 10 minutes to find second time

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Discovered by Jenny Mac Collins of Boulder, CO.
Seen by husband Walter & I

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

None

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Morning light rain - moderate lightOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 8x binocularsDistance, and how measured: 30 - 200 feet est.If photographed, type of equipment and film: NoWho else photographed the bird? —

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

Feeding on or near the ground.

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observe in the field:

A small warbler with no wing bars. Black and buffy striped head, bright buffy chest, olive brown back, long slender bill.

Description (continued):

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

No sound at Wagon Wheel Campground
In bar ditch on south side of road east of pond it sang several times, reminding me somewhat of ovenbird but ending very abruptly.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

Open damp area on a log at the edge of Bonny Reservoir Wagon Wheel Slough
first time. Then at low dense bushes in bar ditch second time.
Many currant bushes.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Swainson's Warbler has a solid cap.
Sparrows have streaked backs.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

This is my second Worm-eating Warbler in Colo.
The first was seen at the west end of Bonny Reservoir (what I call the swamp)
on May 18, 1986

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation:

None

b) after observation:

National Geographic + Golden Birds of N.A.

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____ from memory ☒
Date and time report was written: May 21 1990 3PM

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