

Species: *worm-eating warbler*
Vermont.

Date: May 3, 1995.

Locality: Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement on Road HH.

Nearest town: Fort Lyon. County: Bent.

Times Observed: 8:38-8:42 AM and 8:54-8:55 AM.

Duration of observation: 5 minutes.

Other observers with me: None.

Other observers who saw the bird independently: None that I know of.

Light conditions: excellent.

Optical equipment used: 10X40 Bausch & Lomb Binoculars.

Distance from bird: 10-20 feet.

Describe the bird's behavior: The bird fed near the trunk. It was approached from the side and it flew to the top of the trunk. The bird seemed to be feeding on the trunk.

Describe the bird's appearance: The bird was a small, olive green warbler. It had a buffy head and underparts. The back, wings, and tail were olive green. The face had four black thin stripes. Two of the stripes were going through the eyes and the other two stripes were along the sides of the face. The color of the head was buffy. The color of the back was olive green. The color of the wings were also olive green with no different color on the wing bars. The color of the rump was also olive green. The color of the tail was also olive green. The face was buffy colored. The eyes were dark. The color of the chin was buffy. The color of the throat was also buffy. The breast color was also buffy. The underparts were also buffy. The undertail covert was lighter than the rest of the buffy underparts. The legs and feet were yellowish. The shape of the bill was short, small and pointed. The shape of the wings and tail were typical warbler shape. I identified this bird by the bird's warbler shape, overall buffy color on head and underparts, and by the olive green back, wings and tail. Also by the bird's four black thin stripes on the head and face.

Describe the bird's song and calls: The bird made a seep seep call in flight. I heard this several times.

Beautifully colored bird. The bird was a beautiful woodlot in
 the mountains of Colorado.

How did you eliminate similar species:

No other bird looks like the beautiful Worm-eating Warbler. No birds
 have the buff, white, and green stripes on the head and face like
 this bird.

What is your prior experience with this species and other similar
 species:

Worm-eating Warbler: one other one in Colorado on May 1, 1993 at the
 Lamar Community College grove in Prowers County, Colorado with Mark
 Janos.

List Books if helped with the identification: National Geographic
 Society's Bird's of North America and Warblers of the Americas.

This report was made with notes taken during sighting.

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