

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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

Species: WORLD LATTING WARBLE 1 HELMINTHEROS VERMIVORUS
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): MAY 4, 1996Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: M Plumage: BREEDINGLatilong: 27 Distribution Code: R Habitat Code: RPLLocality: COTTON CREEK Elevation: ~ 4500Nearest town: CAMPA, UTICVILLE County: BACA/LNS ANIMAS LINETime(s) observed: 0845-0846 ; 9:15-9:18 2 different timesDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): ONE FOR ~ 2 SECS.
2nd TIME ~ 2-3 MINS.

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

JOHN RAWINSKI (719) 852-5941, JERRY PBL (719) 657-3321

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

AFTER WE LEFT THIS AREA, WE MET 3 DENVER BIRDBERS AT
TWO BIRDS WHO ALSO SAW SAME BIRD.

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

EXCELLENT, SUNNY, MILDOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): LEOPOLD WINDRIVER 10 X 42 BINOCULARDistance and how measured: 15 FEET ESTIMATEDIf photographed, type of equipment and film: N/AWho else photographed the bird: N/A

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

IT WAS HOPPING AROUND ON THE GROUND IN TALL RESIDUAL GRASS FEEDING,
UNDER COTTONWOOD OVERSTORY

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 observed in the field:

THIS BIRD WAS A LITTLE SMALLER THAN A DARK-EYED JUNC. IT WASWARBLER SHAPED W/ LONG SLENDER WARBLER LIKE BILL. ITS BACK,

Description (continued): WINGS & TAIL WERE A CONSISTENTLY DARK,
OLIVE GREEN. IT HAD A BUFFY WHITE UNDER TAIL COVERTS
& BREAST W/ NO STRIPES. IT HAD BROWN & BUFF STRIPES
ACROSS THE HEAD FROM THE BILL TO THE BACK OF THE HEAD W/ THE
BUFF COLOR BEING CENTRAL & A BROWN STRIPE THROUGH THE EYE.
Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery,
(i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

N/A

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

IT WAS SEEN LOW IN A COTTONWOOD & THEN ON THE
GROUND IN TALL RESIDUAL GRASS IN AN AREA W/ CLUMPS OF
COTTONWOODS & COTTONWOOD CREEK NEARBY.
How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

THE "PLAIN" COLORS OF THIS BIRD & THE BUFF & BROWN STRIPES
ON THE HEAD DISTINGUISH IT FROM ANY OTHER WARBLERS.

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

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE EVER SEEN A WORM-
EATING WARBLER. AS WARBLERS GO, THIS ONE IS PRETTY OBVIOUS

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

- a) At time of observation: 2 EXPERIENCED BIRDERS LISTED ON THE PREVIOUS
PAGE PLUS A NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE.
b) After observation: _____

This report was written from reports made during _____, after
observation X, from memory _____

Date and time report was written: MAY 14, 1996 @ 3pm.

Reporting observer: LISA J. RAWINSKI Signature: Lisa J. Rawinski

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