

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGHT RECORD FORM

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RESULTS : ACCEPTED (7-0)

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS AND ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY.

SPECIES: Worm eating Warbler
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)

DATE(S) OF OCCURRENCE: May 1, 1998

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: _____ PLUMAGE: _____

EXACT LOCATION: 100 yds east of eastern most parking area from Garden, Bear Creek Park CO SPGS

COUNTY: El Paso NEAREST TOWN: Colorado Springs ELEVATION: 6200'±

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 3 minutes TIME(S) OF OBSERVATION: 12:40 pm

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO SAW THE BIRD(S) WITH YOU: None

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S):

Bill Maynard 5/2/98

LIGHT CONDITIONS (QUALITY; DIRECTION RELATIVE TO BIRD(S); POSITION):

Cloudy but bright light

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED: Zeiss 7x42

DISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED): 10-12 feet

WAS BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED? No IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS? _____

WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? _____

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD(S) OCCURRED:

Riparian area. Ground stream bank lower branches of shrub-trees and trunk of these trees, mid height branches/blossoms of cottonwood tree.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD'S BEHAVIOR (FLYING; FEEDING; HABITS; BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION):

Bird was actively feeding - flitted from ground to lower tree branches and trunks, then to stream bank where it foraged along vertical bank within one foot of water; flew to mid level cottonwood tree and foraged blossoms

DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. INCLUDE THE OVERALL SIZE AND SHAPE AND HOW YOU PLACED THE BIRD IN THE GENERAL GROUP THAT YOU DID. GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF PLUMAGE, INCLUDING HEAD, THROAT, UNDERSIDES, NAPE, BACK, WINGS AND TAIL. GIVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO MARKS YOU USED TO IDENTIFY THE BIRD(S). DESCRIBE OTHER DETAILS, SUCH AS COLOR AND SHAPE OF BILL, LEGS, EYE, ETC. THAT WERE IMPORTANT IN MAKING THE IDENTIFICATION. (FILL OUT THIS PORTION EVEN IF PHOTOGRAPHS ARE SUBMITTED; YOU MAY ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, DRAWINGS, FIELD SKETCHES OR COPY OF FIELD NOTES):

Bird was Chickadee size with much more "chunky" appearance. Back was olive green in color. Breast buff/ochre color without any streaking or spots. Head had distinctive alternating black and Buff stripes, Buff stripe central. Stripes were wide - between eye lines on 3 Buff and 2 black stripes. Eye lines also black but thin. Buff colored throat. Bill pointed, pink/flesh colored, much longer than orange crowned warblers. Tail from below appeared wide with pointed ends. No wing bars or eye ring observed.



Bird was in loose flock with yellow rumped warblers - 8-12 - and orange crowned warblers, 2-3
No vocalization heard

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM:

Ovenbird was eliminated by head pattern, clear breast and underparts
Orange-crowned warbler eliminated by head pattern and contrast between back and breast/under body.

WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES?

I have seen this bird twice in Colorado and once in Texas

LIST BOOKS, GUIDES, RECORDINGS OR OTHER SOURCES CONSULTED AND HOW THIS INFLUENCED YOUR IDENTIFICATION (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION):
Confirmed field marks above by reviewing ~~North~~ National Geographic Fieldguide

THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM NOTES MADE DURING _____ OR AFTER 2
OBSERVATION, OR LATER FROM MEMORY X.
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