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SPECIES: WORM EATING WARBLER | HELMITHEROS VERMIVORUS
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

DATE(S): 5/7/00 TIME OF OBSERVATION: 10:00 TO 10:05

EXACT LOCATION: PREWITT RES (BELOW DAM)

NEAREST TOWN: MERINO COUNTY: LOGAN

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: BAUSCH & LOMB ELITE 10 X 42 BINOCULAR

WEATHER CONDITIONS: OVERCAST

BIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: BIRD IN FRONT, NO SUN

DISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: 20 - 30 FEET APPROXIMATED

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

BEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR: THE BIRD FORAGED IN THE LOWER BRANCHES OF A THICKLY LEAFED TREE (I AM NOT SURE OF THE TYPE OF TREE) GLEANING INSECTS FROM THE LEAVES, SMALL SIZE (SMALLER THAN HOUSE SPARROW)

HEAD & NECK (forehead, crown, auricular & malar regions, median line, etc.): THERE WERE TWO BLACKISH LINES ON EACH SIDE, ONE NEAR THE CENTER OF THE CROWN AND ONE THROUGH THE EYE; THE REMAINING COLOR WAS A WARM BUFFY TAN

EYES & LORES (supercilium, eye-ring, eye-stripe, color, etc.): EYE DARK WITH THE BLACKISH LINE EXTENDING THROUGH THE EYE AND CONTINUING AS A LINE ACROSS THE LORES TO THE BILL

LOWER & UPPER MANDIBLES (color & shape): BILL THIN AND POINTY, LIGHTISH BEIGE OR FLESH COLOR, SPIKY LIKE WARBLER STYLE BILL

LEGS & FEET: _____

UPPERPARTS (nape, back, rump, uppertail coverts, etc.): THE BLACK LINES ON THE HEAD STOPPED AT THE NAPE; THE BACK, RUMP AND TAIL WERE A DARKER BROWNISH OLIVE UNIFORM IN COLOR FROM NAPE TO TIP OF TAIL.

UNDERPARTS (chin, throat, belly, sides, flanks, crissum, etc.): WARM BUFFY TAN THROAT INCREASING IN BRIGHTNESS ON BREAST AND THEN FADING TO A DIRTY WHITE ON UNDERTAIL COVERTS; NO STREAKING OR OTHER CONTRASTING MARKS BELOW

RETRICES (inner, middle & outer tail feathers; color, pattern, shape, etc.):
TAIL ABOVE WAS THE SAME BROWNISH OLIVE COLOR AS
THE BACK AND RUMP. I DID NOT SEE THE TAIL BELOW

WINGS (color, length, shape, bars, coverts, etc.): WINGS WERE BASICALLY
THE SAME COLOR AS THE BACK, BUT $\frac{1}{2}$ SHADE DARKER.

VOCALIZATION (call/song, method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight):
NONE

HABITAT: WOODED AREA

ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

THIN "WARBLER BILL" ELIMINATES MOST BIRDS EXCEPT WRENS,
SOME MEMBERS OF MUSCICAPIDAE. WRENS ELIMINATED BY
COLORATION AND FORAGING HABITS AND LOCATION. OLD WORLD
FLYCATCHERS AND WARBLERS ELIMINATED BY COLORATION. KINGLETS
AND GNATCATCHERS ELIMINATED BY SLIGHTLY LARGER SIZE AND COLORATION.
VIREOS ELIMINATED BY BILL SHAPE AND COLORATION. NO OTHER
WARBLER HAS THE COLOR PATTERN OF BUFF BELOW WITH TWO BLACKISH
LINES ON HEAD. BLACK THROATED BLUE FEMALE IS SIMILAR BELOW,
BUT DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME HEAD MARKINGS

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

I HAVE SEEN SEVERAL WORM EATING WARBLERS IN COLDKADD
AS WELL AS MOST OF THE OTHER WARBLERS. I HAVE NOT
SEEN THE OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS AND WARBLERS

BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADVICE CONSULTED THAT INFLUENCED THIS REPORT:

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

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