

Species: GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER  
(Vernacular Name)

Vermivora chrysoptera  
(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): June 9, 1968 Time Bird Seen: late morning to           

Locality: Muir Springs

Nearest Town: Fort Morgan

County: Morgan

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>Jack Reddall</u>		
<u>Harold Holt</u>		

Optical Equipment: 7 X 50 binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used:           

Light Conditions: sunny, bird in shade part of the time

Distance from bird (how measured): minimum estimated 30 feet

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: Male Plumage: Adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

A warbler, feeding in low cottonwoods, stopping occasionally to sing.

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

A typical warbler in size and shape. Crown yellow. Mask(lores through eye onto the auricular area)black. Throat black. Mustachial area between the two black areas white. Breast, belly, undertail coverts white. Back, rump, tail gray, unmarked. Wings gray, with no wingbars but a broad, yellowish patch on the wing.

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

A strong, forceful song. Very high-pitched, starting off with high notes, then going into a buzzy trill. Delivered from the low cottonwoods (bird was never much more than 15 feet off the ground) while the bird was searching for food.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Cottonwood woodland on river bottom, near a series of ponds.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

No really similar looking species.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

No prior experience with the bird (I have since ~~since~~ seen it in Wisconsin and Iowa).

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

Peterson and Robbins guides consulted, they confirmed the identification.

This report was written from notes made during \_\_\_\_\_ after X observation; from memory \_\_\_\_\_

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## VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER | Vermivora chrysotera 2. Number: 1 male  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: Muir Springs Park, Morgan County
4. Date(s): June 9, 1968 5. Time bird seen: 12:30 P.M. to 12:45 P.M.-MDT
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):  
Good adult male. Yellow crown. Black face patch extending well into the ear area surrounded by white. Strong black throat patch with white breast, belly and under-tail parts. Conspicuous yellow wing patch. Nape, back and upper tail grayish or grayish-green. Thin warbler-like bill. No striping on back or underparts.
7. Description of voice, if heard: First located by voice. A rather dry call given at regular intervals during period of observation - "zeeee-bzzz-bzzz-bzzz". First note higher.
8. Description of behavior: Feeding in typical warbler-like fashion through the shrubs and low willows, pausing occasionally to utter its buzzing call.
9. Habitat--general: Riparian woodlands  
specific: Small willows, young cottonwoods and various low deciduous shrubs.
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:  
No other similar appearing species (black throat and strong yellow wing patch)  
"Brewster" type hybrid lacks face and throat patch. "Lawrence" type hybrid has yellow underparts
11. Distance (how measured?): From 25' to about 75'; estimated.
12. Optical equipment: 8X35 binoculars
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):  
Clear and bright. Sunlight directly from behind observer. Viewing conditions excellent.
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:  
Have seen good numbers over past 30 years during migrations in the Chicago and New York City areas.
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
16. Other observers:  
The only one I have ever seen in nine years in Colorado. Overall knowledge of Colorado bird  
John Cooper; Harold Holt (who obtained a color photograph)
17. Did others agree with your identification? Yes.
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: None.
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: None.
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

Signature

Date Prepared: June 27, 1973

(from field notes)

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