

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD REPORT
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CFO-ORC FILE # 52-71-67

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Species: GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER

Vermivora chrysoptera

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 27, 1974

Time Bird Seen: 5:30pm

at 8' and on (about 1 hour at 8' 25' observation time)

Locality: Marshdale, 3 miles south of Evergreen

Nearest Town: Evergreen

County: Teller

Other observers who identified this bird:

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Optical Equipment: Tasco 7x35 Binoculars

Light Conditions: overcast, but light good, light generally at about a 90° to observer with bird at eye

Distance from Bird (how measured): 8 ft (pistol) to 30 ft

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

Overall Appearance and Size: Size 4'-4 1/2" larger than kinglet and smaller than vesper sparrow in area. Appeared typically like a warbler.

Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field):

Bill (shape and color): thin, not especially long, dark grayish color

Legs (shape and color): slender - dark

Crown and Forehead: bright yellow color

Eye (color): black

Nape: grayish

Face: white supercilious, black ear patch Throat: black with white line

Breast and Sides: white shading to gray

extending throat to ear patch

Belly and Flanks: white

Undertail Coverts: white

Back: smooth gray

Wings: broad yellow (bright) wing bar, a tinge of yellow extending into the secondaries

Underwings: not noticed

Rump: gray

Uppertail Coverts: gray

Upper Side of Tail: gray extreme outer tail feathers white, only one feather on each side white

Under Side of Tail: not noticed

Shape of Tail: basically square

Voice: not heard

Behavior: flitted around a great deal, apparently feeding, it remained in the lower half of the willow below 4 ft. Appeared more oblivious of people and would allow close approach.

Habitat: willow streamside surrounded by an open ponderosa forest

Prior Experience with this Species: Had previously seen it in Baca County, Colorado May 5/12 and May 12, 1974

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? There are really no similar species. The black throat might suggest a chickadee but yellow crown and wing bar and black ear patch eliminate that and all other warblers with black patches that are similar have yellow underparts.

This Report was Written From: Notes made during ☒ after ☐ observation; Memory ☐

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