

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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

Species: GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER | VERMIVORA CHRYSOPTERA
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): MAY 15, 1980Number of birds seen: ONE (1) Sex: MALE Plumage: BREEDINGLocality: RED ROCKS PARK (IN A DRAW BETWEEN THE Elevation: ?
TRADING POST and WHERE A PARK ROAD CURVES OVERNearest town: A STONE BRIDGE or CULVERT County: JEFFERSONTime(s) observed: 10¹⁵ AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 3 SIGHTINGS OF APPROXIMATELY 10-15 SECONDS
DURATION EACH WITHIN A TEN MINUTE PERIOD

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

NONE

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

UNKNOWN

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

OVERCAST SKY, OCCASIONAL LIGHT RAIN; DIFFUSED LIGHTOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): BUSHNELL SPACEMASTER II, 15XDistance, and how measured: ESTIMATE ~35'-40' (IN ONE CASE I HAD TO BACK AWAY TO
GET BIRD IN FOCUS.If 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):

THE BIRD WAS FEEDING IN SCRUB BUSHES, BUT THIS WAS NOT A
FACTOR IN IDENTIFICATION.

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 observe in the field:

- SMALL WARBLER or CHICKADEE SIZE BIRD;
 - BLACK UNDER THE CHIN and FROM BEHIND THE EYE TO THE BASE OF THE BILL AND A YELLOW CROWN. THESE THREE AREAS WERE SEPARATED BY WHITE;
 - THE UNDERSIDE WAS LIGHT GRAY;
 - THERE WAS A CONSPICUOUS YELLOW WING PATCH; and
 - THE BACK WAS CONSIDERABLY DARKER THAN THE UNDERSIDE.
- NO OTHER FEATURES REGISTERED.

Description (continued):

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:

SCRUB BRUSH ABOUT WAIST HIGH, BLOOMING WITH A SMALL WHITE FLOWER WHICH SURROUNDS A LONE COTTONWOOD TREE IN A DRAW BETWEEN UPLIFTED SANDSTONE.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

- THE CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER DOESN'T HAVE A BLACK THROAT OR YELLOW WING PATCHES
- THE BREWSTER'S LACKS BLACK ON THROAT; LAWRENCE'S LACKS WHITE BETWEEN BLACK OF THROAT AND EYE AND YELLOW OF CROWN.
- CHICKADEE LACKS YELLOW CROWN AND YELLOW WING PATCH.
- OLIVE-BACKED LACKS YELLOW CROWN AND BLACK THROAT.

(THE ABOVE IS RECONSTRUCTED, BUT I BELIEVE THESE WERE THE SPECIES I DOUBLE CHECKED)

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

NONE

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

a) at time of observation:

ROBBINS, ETAL: BIRDS OF N. AMERICA

b) after observation:

HOLT and LANE: BIRDERS GUIDE TO EASTERN COLO. (THEIR RATING OF "HOW LUCKY CAN YOU GET" GAVE ME SOME REASSURANCE)

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

Date and time report was written: MAY 25, 1980 (I RECEIVED THIS FORM AT THE CFO MTG. IN BOULDER. BARRY KNAPP SUGGESTED I REPORT THE SIGHTING WHEN I MENTIONED IT TO HIM.

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