

Species GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER
(Vernacular name)

(Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students--those studying occurrences 50 years from now--must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Date (s): JUNE 6, 1985 Time Bird Seen: 8:55 AM to _____Locality: 6060 S. Willow Ave, Englewood, Arapahoe Co.
Denver Tech Center area
Nearest town, county and state:Optical equipment: NONE

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♀ Plumage: Hybrid possiblyLight conditions: GoodDistance from bird, and how measured: 5 feet

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

She perched in the bare top of a maple tree outside my office window. for a minute. She then flew w to another maple and disappeared ~~into~~ among its leaves.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

Urban office park - ^{BIRCH} Grass, scattered trees, asphalt, & buildings

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

NONE

Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough.) Describe what you actually saw in the field.

Thin bill, slender shape

Crown and Forehead - Yellow, gleaming brightly

Back Gray - unstreaked

Chin - appears white; dusky patch below the eye, outlined with white especially below

Throat had a dusky wash - not a ~~strong~~ strong marking

Breast - white

Under tail coverts - appeared yellow

In flight I did not observe tail spots.

It appeared to me like a Brewster's which had a dusky throat patch like a ♀ Golden-winged and yellow lower belly like a Blue-winged.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

It opened its bill several times, but I couldn't hear through

The double window

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

See above for Golden-winged & Brewster's

Chad not-sided ^{his} lacked distinct markings, striping; This had gray back and dark throat wash

Audubon's: does not have a bright crown and forehead; Also distinguished by clear white breast, dusky throat patch

Prior experience with this and similar species:

Golden-winged & Blue-winged & Brewster's - seen frequently in NY state
Audubon's - seen frequently here

This particular hybrid form: No experience

This report was written from notes made during ~~the~~ after ☒ observation; from memory ☐.

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