

ACCEPTED

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 chrysopetra
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 21 May 1994Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: MALE Plumage: MALE FULL BREEDING PLUMAGELocality: DOODY DRAW Elevation: 6000 FT.Nearest town: ELDORADO SPRINGS County: BOULDERTime(s) observed: 9:30 amDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): approx 5 minOther observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
SUZIE + MYRON PLOOSTER, 7420 SPRING DR, BOULDER, CO 80303 494-6708 1303STEVEN LITZ - 3380 D 34TH ST BOULDER CO 80301 442-7549

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

PETER GENT

(learned of his sighting from Co Bird Report)

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

CLEAR, BRIGHT SUNLIGHT OUR BACKS TO MORNING SUN and FULL ON THE BIRDOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): SURI - ZEISS 7.42 DIA LYT. MYRON - LEICA 10:42
STEVE - SWIFTDistance, and how measured: 30 FT. Judged by eyeIf photographed, type of equipment and film: NONEWho else photographed the bird? ? HAVE NO IDEA

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

FEEDING IN THE BUSH. POPPED UP ONTO BRANCH ON TOP SIDE OF BUSH. OBSERVED BIRD CLEARLY. IT THEN FLEW.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 observed in the field: Bright yellow crown. Had a black flattenedtriangular patch at eye, and black triangular throat. Bright yellow "epaulet" wing patch on a gray wing, top of body and tail, and

Description (continued):

All white underneath. Would be hard to misidentify THIS BIRD!

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

BIRD called from perch. But we do not know the song, so it was identified from sight only.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

BRUSHY STREAM-SIDE MARGIN, IN pasture land. A frequent stop over area for migrants

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? Nothing else looks like a Golden winged warbler!

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I immediately knew that it could only be what we have determined it to be - have seen many warblers in Cape May NJ and on our near Texas Coast.

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

- a) at time of observation: all concurred on the identification checked
b) ~~time between~~ after observation: ^{notes} NG Bird Guide, Advanced Audubon for confirmation of our observation.

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

Date and time report was written: Sunday May 22, 1994

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