

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Rarity Report Form

Common Name: Golden-winged Warbler **Scientific Name:** *Vermivora chrysoptera*
Number of Individuals: 1 **Sex:** male **Age:** unknown
Locality: Colorado: Lake Henry, Crowley **County:**
Date(s) Seen: 11 May 1998 **Time:** 10:30am - 11:00 am
Reporting Observer: Christopher L. Wood, 3465 S. Otis Court, Lakewood, CO 80227
Other Observers: Brandon Percival, Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, and others.
Light Conditions: Sunny, though shade from canopy.
Optical Equipment: B&L Elite 10 * 42 binoculars.
Distance to Bird: 4 - 15 meters **Duration of Observation:** 10 minutes
Habitat: Riparian migrant trap.

Joey, Norm and I arrived at the migrant trap to find that Brandon was just beginning to bird the area. The first bird Brandon had seen was a male Golden-winged Warbler. The three of us soon had good looks at the bird.

Description: Medium-sized warbler. Crown gold. Rear of crown gray along with upperparts. Broad white supercilium. Black auriculars and lores. White malar stripe broadening near rear of auriculars. Black chin and throat. Remaining underparts white, somewhat more gray on flanks. Wings gray with yellow-green edging to flight feathers. Greater and median coverts yellow. Gray tail with outer tail feathers appearing white in flight.

Behavior: Actively foraging from mid to low levels of trees, sometimes clinging upside-down. Singing very infrequently.

Vocalizations: Song reminiscent of typical *Blue-winged Warbler* song. The second element of the song was lower, however. Also, the first part was not clearly delivered and seemed almost raspy.

Similar Species: Neither "Brewster's" nor "Lawrence's" Warblers has the combination of black throat, white underparts, and yellow greater and median coverts. Song, while not the typical song, is what I have heard from Golden-winged Warblers late in the nesting season, or very early in the day. Dunn and Garrett (1997) refer to this as song type B.

Tape recordings / Photos? None.

References:

Dunn, J. and K. Garrett. 1997. *A Field Guide to Warblers of North America*. T. Schultz and C. House, illus. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.


Description from: _____ Contemporaneous notes; xx Later notes; _____ Memory.

Experience with Species: I've seen hundreds of Golden-winged Warblers in Wisconsin in the spring and summer. I've also seen a few Brewster's and one Lawrence's while working on the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas.

Are you Positive of the Identification? Yes.

Signature:

Date:


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