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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGHT RECORD FORM

RESULTS: _____

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS AND ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY.

SPECIES: Golden-winged Warbler Vermivora chrysoptera
(COMMON NAME) (SCIENTIFIC NAME)

DATE(S) OF OCCURRENCE: May 19, 1998

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: ♂ PLUMAGE: Adult

EXACT LOCATION: Tamarack State Wildlife Area

COUNTY: Logan NEAREST TOWN: Crook, CO ELEVATION: 3700'

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 40 seconds TIMES(S) OF OBSERVATION: 7:30 AM

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S):

None

LIGHT CONDITIONS [QUALITY; DIRECTION RELATIVE TO BIRD(S); POSITION]:

Bird was directly NNW of observer
in early morning light. Sky was clear

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED:

10x40 Zeiss Binocular

DISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED):

15 yards

WAS THE BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED: No IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS? _____

WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? _____

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD(S) OCCURRED:

Small stream just south of Platte River. Dense low shrubs
providing understory to primarily cottonwood canopy.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD'S BEHAVIOR (FLYING; FEEDING; HABITS; BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION):

Bird foraged in low shrubs about 10 feet above
ground level.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. INCLUDE OVERALL SIZE AND SHAPE, AND HOW YOU PLACED THE BIRD IN THE GENERAL GROUP THAT YOU DID. GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF PLUMAGE, INCLUDING HEAD, THROAT, UNDERSIDES, NAPE, BACK, WINGS, AND TAIL. GIVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO MARKS YOU USED TO IDENTIFY THE BIRD(S). DESCRIBE OTHER DETAILS, SUCH AS COLOR AND SHAPE OF BILL, LEGS, EYE, ETC. THAT WERE IMPORTANT IN MAKING THE IDENTIFICATION. (FILL OUT THIS PORTION EVEN IF PHOTOGRAPHS ARE SUBMITTED; YOU MAY ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, DRAWINGS, FIELD SKETCHES, OR COPY OF FIELD NOTES):

This warbler was smaller than yellow rumped warbler. Immediately noticed was its large black patch over each eye and a large black throat patch. Crown was bright yellow. Upperparts bluish gray as was tail and wings except for large yellow patch on wing coverts. Underparts were white. Eye was dark. Bill was dark, short, & slim. This bird had no streaks on either upper or underparts. I did not see legs of this bird very well.

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM:

"Lawrence's" Warbler has yellow underparts and greenish back. Black & white + Blackpoll Warblers are streaked & lack yellow crown and wing patch as does Black-throated Gray Warbler.

WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES?

I have seen several Golden-winged Warblers, only 2 "Lawrence's" Warblers, and many Black & Whites, Blackpolls, & Black-throated Gray Warblers.

LIST BOOKS, GUIDES, RECORDINGS, OR OTHER SOURCES CONSULTED AND HOW THIS INFLUENCED YOUR IDENTIFICATION (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION):

National Geographic Society Field Guide to Birds of North America

Confirmed observation of Golden-winged Warbler.

THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM NOTES MADE DURING _____ OR AFTER _____ OBSERVATION, OR LATER FROM MEMORY ☒.

DATE OF WRITTEN REPORT: 5-24-98

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