

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

(Please print or type. Attach photographs, drawings, and additional pages if necessary.)

ACCEPT 7-0

Red 12/18/99 apl

Species: Golden-winged Warbler Vermivora chrysoptera
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s) of observation: August 24, 1999Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: f Plumage: Basic, 1st fall?Exact location: Extreme southern end of Chatfield S.P., along S. Platte River, both east and west sidesCounty: Jefferson and Douglas Nearest town: Littleton Elevation: 5362'Length of observation: 4-5 min Times(s) of observation: 0915-0920 DSTOther observers who saw the bird(s) with you: _____Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): _____Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's; position): full sun/shade shining on side and front of birdOptical equipment used: binoc - 8x56 SwarovskiDistance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 40' to 40 yds.Was bird photographed?: no If so, have you submitted photographs? _____Who took the photographs? _____Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: riparian- mature and young cottonwoods adjacent to S. Platte River, scattered willow undergrowth.Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification): Small size, Actively foraging among leaves and branches of deciduous trees, mostly 30-40' high, clinging to leaves at end of branch, hanging upside down like chickadee, which is what I thought it was at first.

Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird(s) 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. 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):

General: unstreaked gray uppers and wings, plain white underparts from upper breast through under-t coverts with gray tinge on sides. Specific: Head-gray/bright olive forehead and crown, gray nape blending into back. Sooty tear-shaped cheek patch extending from base of small, pointed bill to well behind dark eye, covering the auricular area. Patch bordered above and below with white. Solid gray chin and throat flared as it met the upper breast; wings with 2 yellow wing bars, not patch. Adults have more yellow on fore head, does fall male. Adult male more blackish color on face + chin/nape.

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: Distinct facial/chin, throat pattern plus yellow wing bars set this warbler apart from other.What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Have seen at least 6 times since 1992 in Colo. and Texas.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):

Warblers Guide (Dunn and Garrett); used book to help me age this bird.This report was made from notes made during xx or after _____ observation, or later from memory _____Date of written report: August 30, 1999Reporting observer: Karleen Schofield Signature: Karleen SchofieldObserver's address: 33 Yates St. Denver, CO. 80219Send report to: Bill Lisowsky, 2919 Silverplume Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80526