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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

Results: _____

Species: Golden-winged Warbler
(Common Name)*Vermivora chrysoptera*
(Scientific Name)

Date(s) of occurrence: 09/14/99 - 09/15/99

Number of birds seen: 1

Sex: F

Plumage: adult

Exact location: Wheatridge Greenbelt (Prospect Park)

County: Jefferson

Nearest town: Wheatridge

Elevation:

Length of Observation: 2 min
7:30am and 8:00am

Time(s) of Observation: Between

Other observers who saw the bird with you: Joe Roller

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): Van Remsen, not sure who else.

Light conditions [quality; direction relative to bird(s) position]: Great. The sun was
behind me and the bird was in front.

Optical equipment used: Swarovski 10X42 SLC Bins

Distance from bird (estimated unless otherwise noted): Maybe 13 ft.

Was the bird photographed: Yes If so, have you submitted photos? Yes

Who took the photographs? Todd M. Dilley

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: Russian Olive

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the
species or in supporting the identification): It didn't do much, I only saw it for a few
mins. It basically did nothing but pick around at various things on the same tree.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):

Size and shape was that of every other Golden-winged I've ever seen. It was the same size as the Orange-crowned Warblers that were near it. It was a classic Golden-winged. Forehead was a yellow that extended to the back of the crown. It got lighter towards the rear. Nice dark gray cheek patch. Gray throat. White breast and belly. Between the belly and undertail coverts (that were white) was a strip of buff. Flanks were gray buff. Two bright yellow wingbars. Nape and upper back area was gray and tertials were gray edged in light gold yellow. Tail was gray also. Primaries were dark gray.

Describe the bird's song and calls if heard: None

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: There was nothing else this bird could have been mistaken for. It was quite obvious.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species: I have seen a lot of Golden-winged Warblers in IL. Most plumages including this one quite often. They are a common warbler back there.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Nat Geo Fieldguide, Warblers (Dunn & Garrett)

This report was made from notes taken during X, or after X observation, or later from memory ____.

Reporting observer: Todd M. Dilley

Signature: Todd M. Dilley

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CFO-RC FILE X: _____

RESULTS: _____

Print this page and then fill out. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species (please include common and scientific name):

Golden-winged Warbler Vermivora chrysoptera

Date(s) of Observation: 14 Sept. 1999

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♀ Plumage:

Exact location: Wheatridge Greenbelt at Prospect Park

County: Jefferson

Nearest town: Wheatridge

Elevation: ~ 5400 ft?

Length of observation: ca 5 seconds of "perfect" view + ~ 10 seconds of glimpses

Time(s) of observation: ~ 08:00

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: none

Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): apparently others saw the bird later

Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position): excellent light from ~~front~~

Optical equipment used: 10x40 Zeiss

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): ~ 15 feet

Was bird(s) photographed? No If so, have you submitted photos?

Who took the photographs?

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: riparian woods

Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification):

(see attached field notes)

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(see attached Field notes)

Describe birds call or song: silent

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: no really similar species.
 Blue-winged is all yellow below, Chestnut-sided lacks mask, etc. - -

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? ~100 females?

List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): none

This report is from notes made during ☒ or after ☒ observation, or later from memory ☐

Date of written report: 6/30/00

Reporting observer: Van Remsen

Signature:

J. Van Remsen

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Remsen,
J.V.
1999

Golden-winged Warbler
Vermivora chrysoptera

1999-124

14 Sep.

Prospect Park area, Wheatridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co., Colo.

1 ♀ seen briefly but at close range in beautiful light. In dense undergrowth along a tiny stream on the "Treebridge Trail", I glimpsed a warbler fly up out of the stream as if it had just taken a drink. The bird landed in open view just 3 ft up in a bush about 15 ft away, in beautiful morning light. The bright yellow forecrown was striking, as were the broad, "messy" yellow bars, almost forming a patch; auriculars and throat grayish; nape and underparts whitish; back gray; bill typical Vermivora-shape, very pointed. The bird then suddenly flew up into nearby trees, did some foraging, and then vanished. Silent - not even a call note.
