

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD

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Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER Vermivora chrysoptera
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): June 8/01Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: male Plumage: breedingLocality: Red Rocks Park Elevation: 5900'Nearest town: Marion County: JeffersonTime(s) observed: 0935-0950Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 15 min.

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

none

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

none

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

full sun - all angles.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Swarovski Bino 8x56Distance, and how measured: 18 feet to 45 yds. - est.If photographed, type of equipment and film: ✓Who else photographed the bird? ✓Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying): feeding among dense shrubs in ravine, actively moving through branches & leaves, singing frequently, from bush to bush, flying into cottonwood trees, across paved road to another tree, to far end of large gravel parking lot, then circling back to original site. ? territorial behavior?

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:

medium sized warbler, striking plumage.
Description (continued): Upper: neck gray from mid-crown to tail which had several outer rectrices of white seen in flight. Forecrown to base of bill bright yellow. Auriculars through lores solid black bordered by prominent white supercilium above & white malar region below. Slender, pointed black bill. Gray wings with 2 bright yellow bars formed by yellow tips to greater & median coverts. Under: chin & throat to upper breast solid black, flaring at the shoulder. Breast through undertail coverts white with pale gray sides & flanks. Leg color not noted.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): Song a buzzy "Bee" and "Bee" ^{big big} "big big big", the bee higher pitched and somewhat drawn out; call note a soft delicate "chic". Singing while feeding and while perched in trees.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: dense, flowering shrubs, various bushes & cottonwoods (with junipers nearby) in ravines bordered by grasslands and paved roads in a foothills park with unique sandstone formations.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? GWA plumage distinctive. No similar plumages except, possibly, Blue/Golden-winged hybrids where whites are generally substituted with yellow.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Have seen a dozen or so males & females in Colorado & Texas of this species.

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

a) at time of observation: none

b) after observation:

This report was written from ^{notes} reports made during X, after observation _____ from memory _____

Date and time report was written: 6pm 6/8/01

Reporting observer: KARLEEN SCHOFIELD Signature: Karleen Schofield

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

Each table cell will automatically enlarge as you type!

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CBRC FILE #:		
RESULTS:		
Species: (Common Name) Golden-winged Warbler		(Scientific Name) <i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>
Date(s) of occurrence: 5 June 2001		
Number of birds seen: one	Sex: M	Plumage: alternate
Exact location: Red Rocks Park		
County: Jefferson	Nearest town:	Elevation:
Length of observation:		Time(s) of observation:
Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Tony Leukering, Chris Wood		
Other observers who independently saw the bird(s):		
Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position:		
Optical equipment used: 10x42 Swarovski ELs		
Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted):		
Was (were) bird(s) photographed? yes		If so, are you submitting photos? no
Who took the photograph(s)? Chris Wood		
Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred:		
Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: Bird exhibited typical territorial response to a song playback, coming in from a distance to investigate the intruder.		
DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Features to include are the color(s) and/or patterns of the head, eyes, bill, back, folded wings, open wings, tail, chin, throat, breast, sides, flanks, belly, vent, and legs. Also, please include, where possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings -- folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional sheets of description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes.		
Bird was first identified by song and was brought into view using a song playback. Striking black-and-white head pattern on head -- black chin and throat, white malar, black auricular, and white supercilium, topped with a bright yellow forehead and forecrown. Black eye. Dark, slender bill. Rear crown and back gray. Folded wing gray with bright yellow wing patch. Underparts whitish; flanks with grayish wash. Undertail coverts white. Legs black.		
Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: A three-parted "Beee-buzz-buzz"		
SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: No other warbler has the combination of bold, black-and-white head pattern and big yellow wing patch.		
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Recent encounter with singing male GWWA in Michigan, 27 May 2001, 9 days prior.		
List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation):		
This report was made from (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> notes made during observation <input type="checkbox"/> notes made after observation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> later from memory.		
Date and time of written report: 31 January 2002, 1300 EST		
Reporting observer: Nancy Gobris		Signature:
Reporting observer's address: 705 River North Blvd.		
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