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Species: BLUE-WINGED WARBLERVermivora pinus

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 5, 1976Time Bird Seen: 7:30 A.M.to 8:00 A.M.-MDTLocality: Two Buttes Reservoir (below the dam).Nearest Town: SpringfieldCounty: Baca

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

NoneOptical Equipment: 10X50 Bushnell Binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used: \_\_\_\_\_

Light Conditions: Bright, Clear. Sunlight directly upon bird.Distance from bird (how measured): Various. From 30 feet to 50 feet (paced off).Number of Birds Seen: One Sex: Unknown Plumage: Breeding adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

The bird was observed briefly on three separate occasions during a 30 minute period. Each time it was seen feeding on the blossoms of the Choke Cherry which abounds along the cliffs of the canyon below Two Buttes Dam. It was rather sluggish in its movements and difficult to capture in the open due to the dense growth. When it did finally come into full view it would hang upside-down on a blossom and busy itself in feeding.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern.

Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

Typical warbler shape. About 5" in length. Bill, thin, pointed and dark. Entire underparts, including forehead and face, bright yellow. No streaking or spotting on breast. Thin black line extending from base of bill through and behind eye. Eye, black. Nape, entire back (no streaking) and upper tail coverts, olive green. Tail, darker than back. Wings, slaty-blue with two prominent white wing-bars.



Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

No song was delivered. A typical, warbler-like "chip" was given when bird flitted from one blossom to the another.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Brushy canyon walls interspersed with occasional Cottonwoods and Willows. Primary plant was Choke Cherry which was in full bloom.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Prothonotary Warbler: A bit larger. Entire head and underparts bright orange-yellow. Lacks black line through the eye. Under tail coverts, white, not yellow as in Blue-winged. Lacks the two prominent white wing-bars. Bill is also noticeably longer.

Yellow Warbler: Overall general color tends to be yellow. Has yellowish or olive wings without white wing-bars. Shows prominent yellow tail spots when it flits about.

Hooded Warbler (female): Also lacks white wing-bars. Shows prominent white tail spots when it flits about.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

Have seen numerous Blue-winged Warblers on Long Island, New York over the years where it is one of the commoner warblers. Also seen in the Chicago area during migration. This was my first observation of this species in Colorado for me. Have seen many Prothonotary Warblers in the midwest and east, particularly in the swamps of North and South Carolina and Georgia.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

Basic Field Guides supported observation.

This report was written from notes made during x after        observation; from memory       

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Species: Blue-winged Warbler (Vernacular Name) Vermivora pinus (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 7, 1976 Time Bird Seen: 10:45 to 11:00 am

Locality: Two Buttes Reservoir (below dam)

Nearest Town: Springfield County: Baca

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>Bob Spenser</u>		
<u>Dave McCargo</u>		

Optical Equipment: 7x35

If photographed, type of equipment used: —

Light Conditions: good

Distance from bird (how measured): estimated 30-40 yards

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: Adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

Bird was observed feeding in dense brush under the south rim at Two Buttes. Observers were on top of the cliff looking down and had excellent view. It was rather deliberate in its movements and not at all wary. Undoubtedly same individual seen by Reddell 2 days earlier.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

Obvious warbler - shape + bill. Lemon yellow head + underparts. Greyish wings. Back + upper tail greyish green. Black line through eye. Two whitish wing bars very prominent. When bird was upside down, white outer patches on under side of rectrices very noticeable. Best view of this field mark I have had.

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

Few typical buzz-buzz songs given

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

brushy cliff-side. Choke cherry + other shrubs.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

No similar species that I would consider confusing.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

Considerable experience in east. Michigan & Indiana

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

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