

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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

Species: Blue-winged WarblerVermivora pinus

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name)

Date(s): May 20, 1978Number of birds seen: 1Sex: FPlumage: breedingLocality: 7 mi. W. Loveland near Waterdale Dr. & Big Thompson

(Chasteen Grove Park)

Elevation: 5200 feetNearest town: LovelandCounty: LarimerTime(s) observed: 1:00 pmDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.) 1st time 2-3 sec. 2nd time 7-8 sec.

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

Paul Merry 1551 E. Cornell Englewood, CO 80110Estes(Later, 4:15 pm) Thompson Marsh 199 Ash St. Denver 80220; Warner Reeser Box 2075 ParkOther observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers): 8051

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

Bright sunshine. Bird in partial shade of new leaves.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7 x 35 binocularsDistance, and how measured: approx. 50 feet

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):

moving around in low bushes and taller stragly Box Elder, feeding

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:

Typical warbler size, roughly 5 in. Bright yellow face, throat, breast and belly. Slightly darker yellowish-green on back of head, nape, and back. Wings bluish-gray with two white wing-bars (not as distinct as a male, but slightly diffused but clear) Rump was a duller shade of yellow. Tail dark. Bill black. Bird had a fine black line through the eye/. Under tail coverts appeared white

Description, (continued)

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

Did not sing or call

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

Brushy area below dike running along ditch. Chokecherry with mostly Box Elder. A few Narrow-leaf Cottonwoods, three or four Ponderosa Pine and one Juniper.
How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

No other warbler has yellow head, throat breast and belly with darkish wings with white wing-bars.

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

Observed many time in northwestern Ohio on breeding grounds.

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

a) at time of observation: none

b) after observation: none

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

Date and time report was written: May 22, 1978 11:00 am

Reporting observer: Harold R. Holt

Signature: Harold R. Holt

Address: 2001 W. 92nd Ave Sp. 716 Denver, CO 80221

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Number of birds seen: 1

Sex: Male

Plumage: Adult

Locality: below mouth of Big Thompson Canyon

Elevation:

Nearest town: Loveland

County:

Time(s) observed: about 3:50 p.m.

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.) a few seconds

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

Warner Reese, P.O. Box 2075, Estes Park 80517 586-3010

Hazel Abel, 2001 W. 92nd Ave., Denver 80221 429-1678

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

Pam Mary, 1551 E. Cornell Ave, Englewood, 80110 781-6120

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

light shining on left side of bird, good light, unobstructed

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Bushnell 10x50

Distance, and how measured: about 150 feet - recalled

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):

It flew to the top of a tree that had few leaves & perched there for a moment & then flew down into shrubs

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:

It was the same size as the yellow warblers which were common in the vicinity. It was a generally yellow bird with slate-gray wings, was too conspicuous with wing bars. A thin black line went through the eye to the thin black bill; underparts plain yellow, without spots or streaks

Description, (continued)

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): *I didn't hear it.*

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

The banks of a ditch lined with black shrubs & deciduous trees & pines, some 30 to 40 feet tall.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

The general bright yellow color without marks except for less through eye would have been enough. The blue gray wings with white wing bars would have been enough.

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

I have seen several in New England.

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

a) at time of observation: *None*

b) after observation:

None

This report was written from notes made during _____, after ☒ observation; from memory _____.

Date and time report was written: *Evening of May, Evening, May 27, 1978*

Reporting observer: *Thompson Marsh* Signature: *Thompson Marsh*

Address: *199 Ash, Denver, CO 80220*

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