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APPENDIX II

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS
FOR
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDS

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Species: Blue-winged Warbler ; Vermivora pinus
(Vernacular name) (Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students -- those studying occurrences 50 years from now -- must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Dates (s): 11/6/82 Time Bird Seen: 7:20 am to _____

Locality: Myron Stratton Home
Colorado Springs, Colorado 77 Pecos County
Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: Nikon 9x30 roof prism binoculars

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: Breeding

Light conditions: low light, no direct sunlight

Distance from bird, and how measured: ~30' estimate

Describe the bird's overall behavior:
only seen once for ~15 seconds when it was stationary

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:
perched at 6' in a 30' Juniper, near water at base of a stand of large white fir

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):
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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough). Describe what you actually saw in the field.

The white wing bars against the blue gray wings were the most evident field marks. The wing bars popped out. Contrast between yellow face and blue back was evident. Continuous yellow belly & face contrasting with wings was quite visible. I didn't see bird long enough to look for black up stripe or shape of bill. I was specifically looking for this bird in a particular spot where it had been previously seen. I had a mental picture of what it would look like & when I saw it there was no doubt.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

None heard

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

~~Blue Jay~~ - olive head - this bird had a yellow head + blue gray wings
Brewer's hybrid - has white chin & belly, this bird was very yellow with conspicuous white wing bars
~~N. Parula~~ - blue back head, too much white on belly

Prior experience with this and similar species:

1st time for Blue winged warbler
N. Parula Warbler - seen infrequently in S. Florida
Red Warbler - heard frequently, seen infrequently in S. Florida & seen 2 winters working in Florida habitat

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

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