

SPECIES: BLUE-WINED WARBLER
(Vernacular Name)

Vermivora pirus
(Scientific Name)

DATE(S): May 22, 1992 TIME OF OBSERVATION: 0630 TO 0700 MDT

EXACT LOCATION: Castlewood Canyon State Park (along Cherry Creek below old homestead).

NEAREST TOWN: Franktown COUNTY: Douglas

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

Don't know for certain: ?

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OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: 10X50 Bushnell Binoculars

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Sky obscured by fog, drizzle; Wind, NE 5-10 MPH; Temperature 47°

BIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: Not a factor due to inclement weather.

DISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: 20'; directly overhead; estimated.

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: One SEX: male (?) PLUMAGE: alternate adult.

BEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR: observed flitting about in small willows along Cherry Creek and occasionally flying to the top of a Gambel's Oak on the hillside where it paused long enough to deliver its song.

HEAD & NECK (forehead, crown, auricular & malar regions, median line, etc.):
Crown & neck bright yellow;

EYES & LORES (supercilium, eye-ring, eye-stripe, color, etc.): Face bright yellow. eye dark with black extending from base of upper mandible back through eye and behind it.

LOWER & UPPER MANDIBLES (color & shape): Thin, pointed grayish-black beak.

LEGS & FEET: Not noted.

UPPERPARTS (nape, back, rump, uppertail coverts, etc.): Nape & back olive-green.

UNDERPARTS (chin, throat, belly, sides, flanks, crissum, etc.): All underparts bright yellow except for white undertail coverts.

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RETRICES (inner, middle & outer tail feathers; color, pattern, shape, etc.):
uppertail grayish; undertail lighter gray. Could not see the white spots in the tail.

WINGS (color, length, shape, bars, coverts, etc.): Bluish-gray wings with two very conspicuous white wing bars.

VOCALIZATION (call/song, method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight):
a weak "wee-huzz" uttered at intervals and delivered while perched.

HABITAT: Stream side willows bordered by bushy hillsides (mainly Gambel's Oak).

ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (*Protonotaria citrea*): Somewhat larger with bright golden head, neck & nape. Lacks dark line through the eye; lacks two white wing bars.

PINE WARBLER (*Dendroica pinus*): Has olive-green crown, neck and nape. Yellow breast and sides streaked with dark; wings blackish with two white wing bars. Song much different - a dry trill similar to Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella passerina*) but more musical.

YELLOW WARBLER (*Dendroica petechia*): Male is yellow overall with red streaks on under parts. Lacks

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER: Seen numerous times during migration in the Chicago, Illinois area during the 1940's. Seen on its breeding grounds in the pine barrens of central & eastern Long Island, N.Y. during the 1940's & 1950's (where it may be extirpated today). Seen but three times in Colorado since 1964.

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER: Seen many in North Carolina, South Carolina & Georgia on its breeding ground during numerous visits & vacations during the 1950's, 1960's & 1970's.

PINE WARBLER: Also seen many times in Eastern Long Island, NY where it breeds and some winter. Also seen in the Carolinas & Texas over the years. Seen once in Colorado.

YELLOW WARBLER: Seen literally "thousands" over the past 50+ years in North America.

BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADVICE CONSULTED THAT INFLUENCED THIS REPORT:

None required.

THIS REPORT WRITTEN FROM NOTES MADE DURING AFTER X OBSERVATION; X FROM MEMORY

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