

## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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NEW STATE RECORD

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

Species: Blue-winged Warbler  
(Vernacular Name)Vermivora pinus  
(Scientific Name)Date(s): May 21, 1994Number of birds seen: 1Sex: malePlumage: adultLocality: Castlewood Canyon State ParkElevation: 5900Nearest town: FranktownCounty: DouglasTime(s) observed: 6:15 - 6:25 AM 6:45 - 7:15 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 5 minutes + 5 minutes = 10 minutes

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):

unknown

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

excellentOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10x40 Bushnell Lumb BinocularsDistance, and how measured: 10-20 feetIf photographed, type of equipment and film: notWho else photographed the bird? no one

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

The bird sang from the top of the trees. The bird flew around alot.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: I identified the bird by its black eye stripe through both eyes. Also by the bird's all yellow underparts. The size of the bird was about 4 3/4 inches. The overall shape was typical warbler shaped. The plumage was an adult male singing. The color pattern is as follows:The bill was darkish. The head was bright yellow. The face was yellow with a black line going through both eyes. The eyes were dark. The nape



Description (continued): and back was greenish. The wings were a blue gray color. The bird had two whitish wing bars on both wings. The tail was blueish gray. The chin, throat, breast, belly were all bright yellow. The flanks were also bright yellow with no streaks. The under-tail coverts were yellowish white. The legs and feet were dark. The bill was short, thin and pointed at the end. The wings were typical warbler shaped. The tail was typical warbler shaped with no noticeable white in tail. Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): The bird sang several times. A "be. buzz" song.

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

The area the bird was in had many scrub oak trees. Also there was running water through the area.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Golden-winged Warbler: This species has a black throat, golden yellow wing bars.

Hybrid Golden-winged and Blue-winged Warblers: These birds would not have all yellow underparts and white wing bars.

Prothonotary Warbler: This species does not have a black line through the eyes.

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

I have seen 2 previous singing male Blue-winged Warblers at <sup>Castlewood</sup> ~~Cottonwood~~ Canyon in 1991, 1992. (probably the same bird).

Golden-winged Warbler: I have seen two in Colorado, both singing males in 1990 and 1992.

Prothonotary Warbler: I have seen one adult male in 1993 and 1994 in Colo. Spr. and one immature <sup>in 1990</sup> ~~in 1990~~ <sup>City</sup> in 1990.

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

- a) at time of observation: National Geographic Society Bird's of North American  
b) after observation:

This report was written from reports made during X, after observation X from memory \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time report was written: May 26, 1994 5:30 PM

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