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WYOMING BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE (WBRC)
260 Buena Vista, Lander, WY 82520

Bird Observation Form

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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 accurate. 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 helping to further knowledge of Wyoming bird populations. This procedure is required of all extraordinary observations, regardless of the observer. Thank you for your time.

Common Name Blue-winged Warbler
 Scientific Name Vermivora pinus
 Observation Date Sept. 7, 1994 Time(s) 12:45 p.m.
 Duration of observation 15-20 seconds
 Distance from bird Approximately 30 feet
 Light Conditions Clear, sunny day.
 Optical Equipment 7x35 Bushnell Custom binoculars
 Notes made at time of sighting? X
 Notes made later from memory?
 Date report prepared: Sept. 22, 1994

Location of observation (be as specific as possible)
Barr Lake banding station area
near nets creating a T thru willows,
Adams County, Colorado.

Weather at time of observation
Warm and sunny with no wind.
Approximately 85°F.

Prior weather (how many days since last change?)

Enter number of birds in each category.	GENDER(S)	AGE(S)	PLUMAGE(S)	PHOTO/DRAWING?
Total number observed: <u>1</u>	Males <u>1</u> Females <u> </u> Unknowns <u> </u>	Adults <u>1</u> Juv/Imms. <u> </u> 2-3 yr. birds <u> </u> Unknowns <u> </u>	Breeding <u> </u> Juvenal <u> </u> Winter <u> </u> Dark Phase <u> </u> Eclipse <u> </u> Light Phase <u> </u> Other <u> </u>	Available <u> </u> Enclosed <u> </u>

Description of bird: be sure to include all field marks YOU OBSERVED including details on size, colors, bill, feet, eyes, plumage, etc.

I was first drawn to this bird while sorting through a flock of approximately 30 Wilson's Warblers and a couple of Orange-crowned warblers. This bird attracted my attention because I noticed a flash of white tail feathers when it flew from one tree to another.

It was roughly the same size as adjacent Wilson's Warblers. The entire head was bright yellow with a distinctive black narrow eye line that extended through the lores to behind the eye. The bill was relatively long and narrow for a warbler. The back was dull olive-yellow; the wings and tail were a rather bright blue-gray color. The wings exhibited light wing bars. Underparts (throat, breast, belly) were unmarked and a rather bright yellow which contrasted sharply with the white undertail coverts.

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Record Number

Category No.

Lat/long

Date received

Description of bird (continued from previous page):

Blue-winged WAS REPORTED to CBO AND I HEARD it WAS BANDED
SHORTLY AFTER OBSERVATION.

List similar species and describe how or why you eliminated them.

Wilson's Warbler -- Subject bird lacked the dark crown of Wilson's. Also had
black eye line and white undertail coverts characteristic of Wilson's.

Brewster's Warbler -- Had bright yellow underparts not characteristic of
"Brewster's".

Describe the behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one(s)? Any interaction between birds?

Feeding deliberately in loose flock of Wilson's and Orange-crowned. Hitched
around in mid to lower branches of small cottonwood tree, then flew to a
similar type tree when other warblers began moving. We lost sight of it at
this point.

What is the habitat at this location? Adjacent or nearby habitat?

Oasis of cottonwood overstory and willow/other shrubs and forbs understory.

Describe the bird's song or vocalizations.

None.

Print reporter's name, address, and phone number.

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What is your experience with this or other similar species?

I had a chance to study Blue-winged
in Paraboo, WI with Sam Robbins while
searching for a reported "Lawrence's" Warbler
during June, 1994. Had previously observed
Blue-winged on trips to Texas and Wisconsin.

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

Bill Schreier

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