

Colorado Field Ornithologists-Sight Record Form

Species: Blue-winged Warbler. Scientific Name: Vermivora pinus.

Date: May 12, 1995.

Number of birds seen: 1. Sex: male. Plumage: breeding adult.

Locality: Lamar Community College, Prowers County

Nearest town: Lamar. County: Prowers.

Times Observed: 1:45-1:47PM.

Duration of observation: 2 minutes.

Other observers with me: Van A. Truen 1901 Court Street, Pueblo, CO 81003 (719-543-4744).

Other observers who saw the bird independently: None that I know of.

Light conditions: excellent.

Optical equipment used: 10X40 Bausch & Lomb Binoculars.

Distance from bird: 20 feet.

Describe the bird's behavior: The bird was observed in a cottonwood tree at midday. It was perched on a branch and was not moving.

Describe the bird's appearance: The bird was a small, stocky warbler. Its head shape was typical of a warbler. The bird was perched on a branch. The color of the head was bright yellow. The color of the back was greenish. The color of the wings was blueish gray with two white wing bars on each wing. The color of the tail was blueish gray. The color of the chin was bright yellow. The color of the throat was also bright yellow. The color of the breast was also bright yellow. The underparts were also bright yellow. The undertail coverts were yellowish white. The legs and feet were light colored. The shape of the bill was short and thin and pointed. The shape of the wings and tail were typical warbler shape. I identified this bird by the bird's warbler shape, yellow head with black eye stripe going through each eye and by the bird's blueish gray wings and white wing bars and by the bird's all yellow underparts with whiteish yellow under tail coverts.

Describe the bird's song and calls: The bird did not make any sounds.

Describe the habitat: The bird was observed in a riparian woodlot in Southeastern Colorado called the Lamar Community College grove, seen in a cottonwood tree.

How did you eliminate similar species:

Prothonotary Warbler: This species does not have black stripes going through the eyes.

Golden-winged Warbler: This species will have yellow wing bars.

"Brewster's Warbler": This hybrid between Blue-winged and Golden-winged would not have all yellow underparts with white wing bars.

What is your prior experience with this species and other similar species:

Blue-winged Warbler: I have seen previously one male on three different occasions at Castlewood Canyon S.P. Colorado in 1991, 1992, 1994.

Prothonotary Warbler: I have seen three in Colorado. 1 at Canon City on September 22, 1990. 1 at Jo Bonard's Colorado Springs yard on June 8, 1993, May 21, 1994, and September 10, 1995. Also one male at Fountain Creek Regional Park two days before this sighting May 10, 1995.

Golden-winged Warbler: I have seen three in Colorado. 1 male at Pueblo's Olive Marsh on May 19, 1990. 1 male on May 30, 1992 at Roxborough SP. Also 1 female at Lamar on May 6, 1995.

Hybrid Golden-winged/Blue-winged: I have not seen either species.

List Books if helped with the identification: National Geographic Society's Bird's of North America and Warblers of the Americas.

This report was made with notes taken after sighting.

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