

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

CFO-RC FILE  
#: 2001-52

Results : \_\_\_\_\_

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

Species: Blue-winged Warbler  
(Common Name)

Vermivora pinus  
(Scientific Name)

Date(s) of occurrence: May 29, 2001

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Male Plumage: Adult

Exact location: 6900 Boulder Ave

County: Pueblo Nearest town: Rye Elevation: 6900 feet

Length of observation: 20 minutes Times(s) of observation: 10:30-10:40 AM + 11:15-11:25 AM

Other observers who saw the bird with you: None

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): None

Light conditions [quality; direction relative to bird(s); position]: Bird north of observer - <sup>cloudy</sup> overcast sky

Optical equipment used: 10x40 Zeiss Binocular

Distance from bird (estimated unless otherwise noted): 25 feet

Was the bird photographed: No If so, have you submitted photos? \_\_\_\_\_

Who took the photographs? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

Dense riparian oak, willow, box elder habitat

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification):

Foraged 5-10 feet from ground in dense trees frequently holding stationary on perch and singing - "bee b222-b22-b22"

Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings, and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird(s). Describe other details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, etc. That were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes): Bright golden yellow head, neck, and underparts with black eye & black distinct eyeline extending through lores to base of bill. Back was greenish olive. Wings and tail were bluish gray with two white wing bars on each wing. Bill was dark, slim, & slightly down-curved. Legs were dark.

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

Prothonotary Warbler lacks eyeline & wing bars. Prothonotary Warbler's loud clear notes much different than buzzy call of Blue-winged Warbler. Hybrid "Brewster's" Warbler has much lighter and duller underparts than bright yellow of Blue-winged Warbler.

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

I have seen many Blue-winged & Prothonotary Warblers in Missouri and a few each in Colorado.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation):

National Geographic, 3rd edition

This report was made from notes made during ✓ or after \_\_\_\_\_ observation, or later from memory \_\_\_\_\_

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