

Species: YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER

Dendroica dominica

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): April 12, 1975

Time Bird Seen: about 3:20 to about 3:25

Locality: The Bar Lake dam

Nearest Town: Bar Lake

County: Adams

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

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Optical Equipment: 7 X 50 Jasco

If photographed, type of equipment used:

Light Conditions: the bird moved from good light into excellent light

Distance from bird (how measured): first seen at about 50 feet then it flew past and

returned to about 12 feet - too close for the focus on my glasses. distance estimated

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: Plumage: full adult in spring plumage

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor: It flew up from below the dam + lit on the top of the concrete wall, where it fluttered about as if feeding on small insects. Then it flew toward us + passed very close + lit again on the top of the wall + fluttered about coming closer + closer. Then it flew away.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

4 or 5 inches long; neither plump nor slender; black crown + face; gray back + wings; white wing bars; white line over eye; white patch on side of neck below nape; a small white spot just below eye; bill long, thin + black; throat + breast bright rich yellow, not quite orange; rest of underparts white, with black streaks on the sides.

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

It flew up from the swampy area where there are willows + cottonwoods + fluttered about the concrete wall. (The warm wall may have attracted insects.)

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

I knew that the most similar warbler was Grace's, so I made sure of the big white patch at the side of the neck below the nape.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

I have seen this bird in Kentucky + Georgia + I saw the one at Waterton a year or so ago. I've seen a good many Grace's in the San Joaquin.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

I confirmed the identification which was made at the first glance by looking at Robins, Brewster + Zinn while I watched the bird.

This report was written from notes made during _____ after _____ observation; from memory _____

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