

Species: Yellow-throated Warbler Dendroica dominica
 (Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 15, 1977 Time Bird Seen: 4:20 pm to 4:35 pm
 Locality: Bodny Res. SRA
 Nearest Town: Idalia County: Yuma

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>Bill Lybarger</u>		
<u>Pete Moulton</u>		

Optical Equipment: 7x35 Binoculars
 If photographed, type of equipment used: See Moulton (Pete) & Lybarger
 Light Conditions: Good
 Distance from bird (how measured): 30' range finder in camera

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: Breeding

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

The bird was pretty inactive. It was perched in a Cottonwood tree. It occasionally would pick some insects off the trunk, like a Black & white warbler.

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:

size - warbler size, about like a Yellow Warbler
 shape - like a Yellow Warbler

plumage - throat - yellow

Black patch on cheek

Front wing bar broader than back wing bar.

white below with black streaks on sides
 (extending from mid-breast to flanks)

white eye-line with a white patch behind the black cheek patch

white undertail fringed with black

Feet & bill black (OVER)

to tip of fringe of tail.
Even Gray back and cap.

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

I didn't hear it.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Riparian woodland.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Grace's warbler - lacks white patch
behind the eye.

& not as much streaking on
sides & flanks.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

I have never seen a Yellow-throated Warbler before
this bird.

I have seen several Grace's Warblers in S.E.
Arizona.

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

no literature consulted

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

PRINT NAME: Mike Moulton SIGNATURE: Mike Moulton DATE: June 4, 1971
Street Address: 1328 S. Coffman #2 Town and State: Longmont, Colo ZIP: 80501

Return to: JACK REDDALL - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110

Species: YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER

Dendroica dominica

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 15, 1977

Time Bird Seen: 1505 (1620) to 1520 (1635)

Locality: North Shore, Bonny Reservoir

Nearest Town: Idalia

County: Yuma

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>Pete Moulton</u>	<u>Longmont Colo</u>	<u>(Photos)</u>
<u>Mike Moulton</u>	<u>Longmont Colo</u>	

Optical Equipment: Bushnell 10x50 Sportview

If photographed, type of equipment used: Mamiya Sekor DTL 100, Spiratone 400mm lens

Light Conditions: Shady - Good (f 32 at 1/4 sec at 1/250th second)

Distance from bird (how measured): 15-35 ft. Camera lens and estimate

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: male Plumage: Spring

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor: The bird was feeding when discovered, gleaned from trunk, branches and leaves. Very deliberate for a warbler, almost vireo-like. Stopped feeding activity and preened twice. Some singing while feeding. Remained in a small area most of time, mostly in a willow, but once into a small cottonwood. Remained 15 to 25 feet above the ground in the sub-canopy.

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:

This bird was slightly smaller than a Yellow Warbler. Typical Warbler shape. Back and Crown were Gray with no streaks. Crown with a brownish cast in certain light conditions. White Superciliary line; Black mask with white spot behind cheek patch; Black bill and legs, White hooves; Mask is extended under superciliary line and separates superciliary line from white spot; Mask is also extended ~~into~~ below into ~~side~~ upper streaks on sides; Throat and upper breast yellow; lower breast, belly, undertail, all white. Black streaks on sides and flanks, heaviest on sides of breast. Undertail outlined in black.



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

The song sounded like a weak Yellow Warbler song. It seemed more forced than the song of the Yellow. Call note was a musical chip, fairly strong.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

The bird was in a small mixed willow-cottonwood thicket on the north shore of the lake

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

The complex head pattern, yellow throat and ~~white~~ white undersides ruled out similar species.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species: None with this bird, Grace's warbler seen a couple of times in 1975, Audubon's seen often in all plumages. Magnolia seen several times including one a week prior to this sighting. Canada seen once in 1975.

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

None

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PRINT NAME: William A. Lybarger SIGNATURE: William A. Lybarger DATE: 15 Aug 77
Street Address: 2415 So Memphis Way Town and State: Aurora Colo ZIP: 80013

Return to: JACK REDDALL - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110

Species: YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER

(Vernacular Name)

DENDROICA DOMINICA

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): 15 MAY, 1977

Time Bird Seen: 3:05-3:20 PM to 4:20 PM-4:35 PM

Locality: BONNY RESERVOIR

Nearest Town: IDALIA

County: YUMA

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>BILL LYBARGER</u>	<u>AURORA, COLORADO</u>	
<u>MIKE MOULTON</u>	<u>LONGMONT, COLORADO</u>	

Optical Equipment: 10 X 50 BINOCULARS

If photographed, type of equipment used: 35MM SLR CAMERA WITH 400MM LENS

Light Conditions: EXCELLENT: FULL MIDAFTERNOON SUN

Distance from bird (how measured): 15-40 FT CAMERA LENS RANGEFINDER

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: ADULT, BREEDING

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor: BIRD WAS AN OBVIOUS WARBLER, BUT ITS ACTIONS WERE CREEPERLIKE OR VIREOLIKE, STAYING ON THE TRUNK, OR LARGE LIMBS NEAR THE TRUNK, OF A 50-FT COTTONWOOD. IT WAS TAME AND ALLOWED CLOSE INSPECTION. DURING THE SECOND OBSERVATION PERIOD IT SAT CROSSWISE ON A TWIG FOR AT LEAST 5 MINUTES, MOVING ONLY TO PREEN IN A VERY DESULTORY MANNER. IN GENERAL, ITS MOVEMENTS WERE VERY SLOW AND DELIBERATE, QUITE UNLIKE MOST OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GENUS.

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CROWN, NAPE, BACK, WINGS, RUMP, UPPERSIDE OF TAIL - EVEN, UNMARKED MEDIUM GRAY. WINGS WITH CONSPICUOUS WHITE BARS.

CHIN, THROAT, UPPER BREAST - BRIGHT YELLOW

SUPERCILIARY, LOWER BREAST, PATCH BEHIND CHEEK, SIDES, FLANKS, ABDOMEN, UNDERTAIL COVERTS, MOST OF UNDERSIDE OF TAIL - WHITE, WITH STREAKS ONLY ALONG SIDES (SEE BELOW)

CHEEK - BLACK, WITH A NARROW BLACK AREA EXTENDING POSTERIORLY ALONG LOWER MARGIN OF SUPERCILIARY (SEPARATING SUPERCILIARY FROM WHITE PATCH BEHIND CHEEK), AND ANOTHER NARROW AREA EXTENDING VENTRALLY AND SLIGHTLY POSTERIORLY TO NECK-BODY JOINT, WHERE IT MERGED WITH A DOUBLE LINE OF COARSE STREAKS ALONG SIDES AND FLANKS. LOWER HALF OF ORBITAL SKIN WHITE. BILL, LEGS, FEET, EYE - BLACKISH, BILL SMALL, SHARPLY POINTED



COPY OF SKETCH
MADE DURING OBSERVATION
(OVER)

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

SONG - SERIES OF HIGH-PITCHED, CLEAR, SWEET WHISTLES, ABOUT 5 IN ALL, WITH A RISING INFLECTION NEAR MIDDLE, FALLING INFLECTION NEAR END, NOT SO LOUD AS SONG OF YELLOW OR YELLOWTHROAT, GIVEN FROM PERCH, 'PROX 2-3/MIN.

CALL - MUSICAL, ALMOST BISYLLABIC CHIP; RATHER FAR-CARRYING.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

FLOODED COTTONWOOD - WILLOW WOODLOT AT SHORE OF PLAINS RESERVOIR (ELEVATION 'PROX. 4100'). BIRD STAYED IN MIDDLE LEVEL OF 50-FT. COTTONWOOD - 10-30' ABOVE GROUND.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

THE ONLY OTHER WARBLERS WITH STREAKED SIDES AND YELLOW THROATS AND WHITE UNDERPARTS ARE ♀ BLACKBURNIAN AND GRACE'S.

GRACE'S - STREAKED BACK, YELLOW EYESTRIPE, NO WHITE BEHIND CHEEK, ACTIVE HABITS.

BLACKBURNIAN(♀) - STREAKED BACK, PALER CHEEK, PALE MEDIAN CROWN STRIPE, LACKS STRONG CONTRAST OF YELLOW-THROATED'S PATTERN, HAS MORE OLIVACEOUS UPPERPARTS, MORE COMMONLY IN CROWN OF TREE RATHER THAN LOWER LEVELS.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

HAVE OBSERVED SEVERAL GRACE'S WARBLERS IN ARIZONA; HAVE NEVER SEEN ♀ BLACKBURNIAN; HAD NEVER BEFORE SEEN YELLOW-THROATED.

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

STANDARD FIELD GUIDES DEPICT PLUMAGE, AND PETERSON GUIDE TO TEXAS BIRDS DESCRIBES HABITS.

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