

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Species: Yellow Throated Warbler | DENDROCEIA DOMINICA
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): May 11, 1978Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: M Plumage: BREEDINGLocality: BEAR CREEK GREENBELT Elevation: 5440Nearest town: LAKEWOOD CO County: JEFFERSONTime(s) observed: 9:00 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.) 20 MINUTES

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Carl Wolf told me he heard a yellow throated singing yesterday before.
Carl Wolf + Bob Butten, told me they saw 2 the day after.

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

good -Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7 x 35 B + LDistance, and how measured: 15 to 20 ft up - by estimation

If photographed, type of equipment and film:

Who else photographed the bird?

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

Feeding along branches of manow leaf cottonwood to within 5 feet of end, then would go back to middle of tree + start feeding outward again.

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

Appeared warbler size + shape. I first noticed it, because it did not have a yellow rump or yellow sides. I then noted a very yellow throat merging abruptly into a clean white breast. The sides were marked with heavy black streaking. There was a white eye line + white ear spot. The head + nape were gray. The back darker gray. The belly, flanks + undertail coverts were white. There were two prominent white wing bars on dark wings.

Description, (continued)

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

bird was not singing

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: *A swampy area between Bear Creek & a pond. Deciduous trees were just starting to leaf, so bird was readily visible.*

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

I did not eliminate Grace's Warbler until later when I talked to Mildred Snyder. However I am positive the eye strip was not yellow but white.

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

I have seen yellow throated warblers in southern Ohio where I grew up.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: *Robbins - Birds of North America*

b) after observation: *Mildred Snyder
Peterson's, - Eastern Guide*

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

Date and time report was written: Sept 7, 1978

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