

APPENDIX II

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS
FOR
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDS

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Species: YELLOW-THROATED WAZZLER ; DENDROICA DOMINICA
(Vernacular name) (Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students -- those studying occurrences 50 years from now -- must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Dates (s): 21 MAY 1982 Time Bird Seen: 1545 to 1605Locality: CHATFIELD STATE PARK, DOUGLAS COUNTY, COHERON TRAPPEZY OVERLOOK

Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: BTL 7X35 BINOCULARSIf photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: —Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♂ (?) Plumage: BREEDING BRIGHT AND CLEANLight conditions: 30% HIGH DIRECT SUN IN WEST; LIGHT EXCELLENTDistance from bird, and how measured: 20', SOMETIMES LESS; ESTIMATED BY EYE

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

BIRD WAS ACTIVE FORAGING ON TWIGS AND SMALL BRANCHED, OCCASIONALLY FLICKING.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

TERRAIN PONDICOSA PINES AT THE TRAPPEZY OVERLOOK.

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

MR BOB SCOTT, CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS. MR. SCOTT WAS VISITINGCOLORADO AND HADDED BY AS IT WAS WATCHING THE BIRD.BOB SPENCER OF D.F.O. SAW THE BIRD AT THE SAME LOCATION ON 22 MAY.

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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough). Describe what you actually saw in the field.

- FIELD NOTES ATTACHED.
- SAME SIZE OR PERHAPS SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN NEARBY AUDUBON'S WARBLERS.
- WHITE SUPERCILIARY, WHITE AURICULAR PATCH, WHITE UNDER EYE; 2 WHITE WING BARS
- CHIN, THROAT BRIGHT YELLOW BORDERED BY BLACK; BREAST, BELLY WHITE.
- TOP OF HEAD, BACK CLEAR GRAY, NO STREAKS OR STRIPES
- BLACK STREAKS ON SIDES

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

THE BIRD WAS SILENT.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

GRACE'S WARBLER - SUPERCILIARY YELLOW, NOT WHITE
- DOES NOT HAVE CONSPICUOUS WHITE AURICULAR PATCH
THAT THIS BIRD HAD.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

I'VE SEEN YELLOW-THROATED WARBLERS IN NORTH CAROLINA, 1974.
I'VE NEVER SEEN GRACE'S WARBLER

This report was written from notes made during X after observation;
from memory . SEE ATTACHED COPY OF NOTEBOOK PAGE. MY WESTERN
FIELD GUIDE (WHICH DOES NOT ILLUSTRATE D. DOMINICA) WAS IN
MY TRUCK.

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JUNE 1982 CHATFIELD
YELLOW-TH. WARBLER