

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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

Species: Yellow-throated Warbler Dendroica dominica
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): December 7, 8, 9 1983Number of birds seen: One Sex: Unknown Plumage: AdultLocality: Colorado State University campus Elevation: 4900'Nearest town: Fort Collins County: LarimerTime(s) observed: 7:10 AM (3 days), 10:30 AM, NoonDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): A minute each for 7 or 8 observationsOther observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
Dr. Ron Ryder, Mr. Peter Layton, Dr. Bob AmeyOther observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
Dr. Paul Eschmayer, Mr. Terry Sexton, H-91-7002, Kevin Cook, David Lealkerman, Dave Palmer, Charles ChaseLight conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):
Direct light moderate to good on all observationsOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): UnaidedDistance, and how measured: 20-50' estimated at different observations

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):

Visiting suet feeder for a minute at a time every 20-60 minutes. Then flying off in various directions. A solitary bird - not travelling with other birds.

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 observe in the field:

Length estimated at 4 1/2", elongate and slender. Bird gray generally with unmarked back and 2 white wing bars, white at corners of tail, yellow throat, a black stripe running from near bill down side of throat on each side. White patch behind eye.

Description (continued):

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

Single chip notes in flight and near feeder - less metallic than yellow-rumped warbler.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

Campus open space with planted trees and shrubs

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Graces warbler lacks black stripes down throat and white patches behind eyes.

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

I have seen this species previously in Maryland, South Carolina (several times), and Florida. Graces Warbler seen at South Rim in Grand Canyon during 1982. This species seen earlier this year in SE. List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: Peterson guide (confirmatory)

b) after observation: Robbins' guide

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation ☒ from memory ☒
Date and time report was written: Dec 9, 1983 0730

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