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## 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 | Oendroica dominica  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): April 22, 1985Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Adult Plumage: springLocality: residence yard, 1269 Chimook Elevation: 5000-6000 ft.Nearest town: Boulder County: BoulderTime(s) observed: 5:00 P.M.Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 15 minutes

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

Glennis Julian, 1269 Chimook, Boulder 80303  
499-9107

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

none

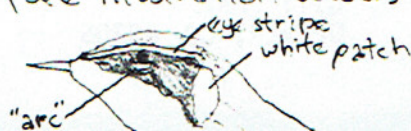
Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

sky mostly cloudy, but bird was in lower branches with good background in foliage  
Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 20 feet at near eye level; estimatedDistance, and how measured: 5 focal 7x50 binocularsIf photographed, type of equipment and film: N/AWho else photographed the bird? N/A

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

Bird was foraging in trees within courtyard at residence, often in lower branches and near trunks; trees in yard are a mix of conifers and broadleaf, yet bird kept mostly to the broad leaf trees; foraging behavior consisted mainly of short hops and short flights among the branches, and on occasional short flights the bird would utter a "chip!" call note

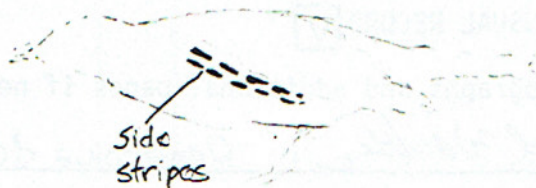
Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only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

Bird was smaller than a sparrow and slender, with a slender bill; back: solid gray (with bluish tint); tail: grayish; head: face with prominent black "mask" extending down sides of neck and to bill; two areas of white quite noticeable: one a whitish patch on neck just above shoulder, and another white "arc" below eye; bird also had a prominent white eye stripe (see illustration below)



Description (continued):

Throat: bright yellow, ending abruptly at midbreast; belly white; sides with prominent, wide black dashed stripes (parallel) see figure below:



Most prominent marks were: ① black facial mask set off by white  
② prominent dashed side stripes  
③ plain grayish back

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

only vocalization was an intermittent "chip!" note made during a short flight from one branch or one tree to another; suggestive<sup>of</sup>, but not as emphatic as, a call of a yellow-rumped warbler

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

residential area on hilltop to west and on outskirts of Boulder; residence is a three-sided square with a courtyard within; the trees in the courtyard and the adjacent yard are where the bird was observed

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - eliminated because observed bird lacked yellow patches on rump, crown, and side; also throat on ob. bird yellow and without black breast

Grace's Warbler - most likely candidate, but eliminated because ob. bird shown no streaking on grayish back; also Grace's lacked white patch on side of neck and prominent white, dashed streaks against white background; in short, ob. bird showed very prominent black face mask set off by white

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

Ten years of birding (and living) in Missouri and Indiana involved observing this bird nearly every spring, as it was a common resident/migrant.

I have also spent the last 3 years in Arizona and west Texas, and have often observed Grace's (and Yellow-rumped) warblers ~~in~~ in both breeding and fall plumages

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

a) at time of observation: Peterson's Field Guide To The Birds (East); Robbins' Birds of North America

b) after observation: National Geographic's Birds of North America; Audubon Society's Master Guide To Birding, Vol. 3; and two local Boulder birders, Peter Gent and Lesley Julian

This report was written from reports made during \_\_\_\_\_, after observation ☒ from memory \_\_\_\_\_  
Date and time report was written: May 28, 1985

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