

A

## 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): 5/3/1987 & 5/5/87Number of birds seen: ONE Sex: UNKNOWN Plumage: BREEDINGLocality: VARSITY POND, CU CAMPUS Elevation: 5430'Nearest town: BOULDER County: BOULDERTime(s) observed: ~10 AM FOR ABOUT ONE MINUTEDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): ONE MINUTE

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

DICK SCHLOTTLER on 5/2/87 AT SAME LOCATION

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

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

POOR, HEAVY OVERCAST AND RAININGOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): BINOCULARS 10XDistance, and how measured: 15 FEET ESTIMATED

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 ACTIVELY IN A CONIFER TREE WITH A FLOCK OF ABOUT 10-12 YELLOW-  
RUMPED WARBLERS. THEN FLEW TO ANOTHER CONIFER TREE ~20 YARDS AWAY.

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:

THIS BIRD'S SHAPE, SIZE AND BILL SHAPE AND SIZE IDENTIFIED IT AS A WARBLER.

IT LOOKED EXACTLY THE SAME SIZE AND SHAPE AS THE YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLERS

IT WAS WITH (10-12 BIRDS, MALES & FEMALES OF BOTH RACES). THE YELLOW ON THE

Description (continued):

THROAT OF THIS BIRD LOOKED ABOUT THE SAME COLOR AS ON THE THROAT OF A MALE  
AUDUBON'S WARBLER, BUT WAS CONSIDERABLY MORE EXTENSIVE REACHING DOWN TO ABOUT THE  
MID-CHEST. THE LOWER BREAST AND BELLY WERE WHITE, AND THE FLANKS WERE BOLDLY STREAKED  
WITH BLACK. THE FACE PATTERN WAS ALSO VERY DISTINCTIVE WITH THE WHITE PATCH BEHIND THE  
EAR VERY NOTICEABLE. THIS, ALONG WITH THE BOLD WHITE EYE-LINE CONTRASTS STRONGLY  
WITH THE BLACK OF THE FACE. THE SMALL WHITE PATCH BELOW THE EYE WAS ALSO PRESENT.  
THE BIRD HAD 2 STRONG WHITE WING BARS, BUT BACK COLOR WAS HARD TO SEE BECAUSE OF THE POOR LIGHT.  
Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from  
perch, in flight, duration):

NO CALL OR SONG GIVEN.

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

SMALLISH CONIFER TREES ROUND VARSITY POND, WELL KNOWN MIGRANT TRAP IN BOULDER.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER - DIRECT COMPARISON - ONLY YELLOW ON THIS BIRD WAS ON THROAT, AND MORE EXTENSIVE.  
GRACE'S WARBLER - THIS BIRD HAD BLACK FACE PATCH, WHITE PATCH BEHIND EAR, AND BOLD WHITE EYE LINE.  
MAGNOLIA WARBLER - THIS BIRD HAD WHITE BEHIND EAR, WHITE EYE LINE TO BILL, WHITE BELLY, NO BREAST BAND.  
COMBINATION OF FACE PATTERN, YELLOW THROAT (EXTENSIVE) AND WHITE WINGBARS ELIMINATES OTHER WARBLERS.  
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

I HAVE SEEN THIS SPECIES ONCE BEFORE IN COLORADO, SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS ON 3-4  
OCCASIONS ELSE WHERE IN THE U.S., INCLUDING 4 AT HIGH ISLAND, TEXAS 2 WEEKS AGO.

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

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE

This report was written from reports made during immediately, after observation            from memory             
Date and time report was written: 11 AM 5/3/87

Reporting observer: PETER R. GENT Signature: Peter R. Gent

Address: 55 SOUTH 35th STREET BOULDER COLORADO 80303

All reports will be maintained permanently at the address below:

Return to:

CURATOR, DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS  
DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY  
CITY PARK  
DENVER, CO 80205