Species: Yellowthroated Warbler — Dendroica dominica 52-89-42

Date: May 5 - 6, 1989 Time Bird Seen: May 5 Friday 2pm 3pm ~~to~~ and Saturday May 6, 7:30 am for 15 minutes and Saturday 12:30 p.m. for 15 minutes or more

Locality: S.W. Loveland - Patsy Spight residence

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Optical equipment: Swift - Binoculars 8.5 X 44 Audubon Mark II

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: male Plumage: Breeding

Light conditions: The first time I saw the bird - the sun was behind me - excellent light.

Distance from bird: The tree was about 15 feet from me. 20 feet high in a branch of the cottonwood tree - but I saw it at different heights - high + low in the trees

Describe the birds overall behavoir: The bird was busy catching insects - sometimes at the end of branches and sometimes near the trunk of the trees. It flitted a lot but yet it sometimes stayed in a spot long enough for me to study it carefully

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird: Large cottonwood trees near Big Thompson River

Other observers: John Chrisafis - Ron Harden - Dave Bolton - Mary Griest - Tony Esposito and several others Patsy Spight

Describe in detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. Patsy Spight called me to come look at the warblers at the top of her cottonwood trees which turned out to be yellow-rumped warblers - but the one warbler that looked different kept coming down on this low branch as though it were saying - "look at me" - The very yellow throat first caught my eye - Then I saw the white belly with black streakings on the sides. The back was a very dark gray and the top of the head was black. There was a very prominent white stripe over the eye + black through the eye. When I saw the white patch on the neck, I knew it was a Yellow-thr. warbler white 2 wing bars

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including methods of delivery - i.e., from perch, in flight, etc. : none were heard

List similiar species and how you eliminated them: Grace's Warbler. The minute I saw the large white patch on each side of the neck - below the eye. - I knew it was a yellow-throated warbler. The Grace's warbler doesn't have this.

Prior experience with and similiar species: none - a new bird for me

This report was written from notes made during ✓ after ✓ observation:
from memory _____.

Signature: Ann Means