

## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Species: Yellow-throated Warbler  
(Vernacular Name)Dendroica dominica  
(Scientific Name)Date(s): May 8, 1994Number of birds seen: 1Sex: Unknown probably a malePlumage: adultLocality: Hannah Ranch SWA Exit 123 S. of Colo. Spgs. Elevation: 5000Nearest town: Colorado SpringsCounty: El PasoTime(s) observed: 11:00-11:15 AM 12:45 PM 12:00 PMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 20 minutes

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

Terry Barger Colo Spgs

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

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

excellentOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10X40 Bausch & Lomb BinocularsDistance, and how measured: 20-30 feet in the tree.If photographed, type of equipment and film: not photographedWho else photographed the bird? NO ONE

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

The bird was only seen high up in the cottonwood trees near Fountain Creek.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 observed in the field: I identified the bird by its yellow throat and thin bill.The size was about 5 1/2 inches. The overall shape was typical warbler shaped. The bird was in adult plumage probably a male because of its brighter face than females. The color pattern is as follows: The head was black. The back was grayish. The wings were gray with two white wing bars on both wings. The tail was grayish. The bill was blackish. The eye stripes were white.



Description (continued): The ear patches were black going in a triangle to the flanks. The eyes were dark with white semi-circle below the eyes. Behind the ear patches there was a white area. The chin and throat were bright yellow. The belly and underparts were all white. The under tail coverts were all white. The flanks were white with blackish streaks. The legs and feet were dark. The shape of the bill was thin and longish for warblers. The wings and tail were typical warbler shaped. Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): NO sounds heard.

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

The bird was observed in cottonwood trees near Fountain Creek.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Grace's Warbler: This species face is grayish color not black like Yellow-throated Warblers have.

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

I have seen one previous ~~bird~~ <sup>Yellow-throated Warbler</sup> at Pueblo City Park in 1992. I have seen several Grace's Warblers near Grand Junction in 1991 and one near Westcliffe in 1991. Also in SE Arizona in 1989.

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

a) at time of observation: none

b) after observation: National Geographic Society Birds of North America

This report was written from reports made during \_\_\_\_\_, after observation ☒ from memory \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time report was written: May 10, 1994 10:00-10:30 AM

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## COLORADO RARE BIRD REPORT

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## YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER

Dendroica dominicaLocation: Hannah Ranch (State Wildlife Area); Fountain; El Paso County, ColoradoDate: May 8, 1994

This bird was originally found by someone else.

Setting:

I heard about this Yellow-throated Warbler from the Colorado Rare Bird Alert tape on May 7. My wife and I walked to the area on the evening of May 8, about 7:00 p.m. It was a beautiful, sunny, warm, completely still evening. We immediately found the bird high in the partly leafed treetops in a small grove of cottonwoods in the grassy pasture west of Fountain Creek. It fed rather slowly. It moved something like a chickadee, sometimes hanging upside down, probing the small twigs at the ends of the branches. I observed the bird with B & L 10 x 40 binoculars, for about 10 minutes, about 30 feet directly overhead.

Description:

This was a small warbler, about 4-5" long overall. In general it was patterned in white, black, grey, and yellow. It had a rather large bill, for a warbler, but it was long, thin and pointed. The bird's undersides were white with distinct black streaking on the flanks. The chin, throat and upper breast were a deep, clear yellow. The upperparts were hard to observe, except when the bird swung sideways or upside down while feeding, but looked dark grey. The wings were blackish and there were two white wingbars. The bird's face showed a complex pattern, consisting of a black face patch, bordered by a white superciliary and lores above, and a white nape patch behind.

Similar Species:

The small size, slender pointed bill, white wingbars and active tree-top habits identify the bird as a warbler. Grace's is most similar but lacks the black face patch, the white nape spot and has yellow, not white, lores and superciliary. Blackburnian has yellow or orange face, streaked back and yellower undersides. Cape May lacks the black face patch, the white superciliary, and the clear yellow throat. Magnolia has a yellow belly and lacks the white nape spot. Townsend's lacks the white superciliary, the white nape spot and has black streaks on the breast.

Experience with Species:

I have seen all similar warblers with which this bird might be confused. I have seen Grace's Warbler in Colorado and elsewhere on several occasions, including in the spring of 1991. I have seen several previous Yellow-throated Warblers (two in Colorado), including several in Texas in March 1994.

This report is prepared from notes made during and after observation.

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