

## 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): Sunday, June 5, 1994Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: M (Singing) Plumage: adult BreedingLocality: S. end of Rouby Draw Trail - on mesa Elevation: 5400'Nearest town: Eldorado Springs / Boulder County: BoulderTime(s) observed: Daylight sightings  
Heard @ 0735; 1<sup>st</sup> sighting 0805; 7<sup>th</sup> sighting 0930 bird still in air when we left.Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): ranged from 5 sec. to 30 sec. eachOther observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):Vince Kloster 303-422-8075  
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Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Heard/Saw bird over a 2 hr. period both in full sun + shadeOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Swarovski Binoc - 8x56Distance, and how measured: Ranging from excellent views at 15 ft to 120 ft (est.)

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): Brief periods of sitting near tops of ponderosa pines, singing (in sight); longer periods out of vision, still singing. Very active - flying from tree to tree perching for few seconds on branches 12-40' above ground; creeping along branches to forage, similar to nut hatches + up trunk of tree. Seen flycatching, also.

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:

Small warbler with striking markings: Light gray rump with black crown, set off by long, white supercilium from black, thin, long pointed bill to nape area. Black face with prominent white patch in auricular area; yellow throat + upper breast with white belly + undertail coverts. Heavy black stripes on sides; 2 white wing bars. All these details seen in 30 second view

Description (continued):

at 15 feet, overhead in lower branches of ponderosa pine, while bird was concentrating on foraging. At one time, bird was being chased by 2 Solitary Vireos briefly.

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

Very loud for small size. Sang periodically for nearly 2 hours - spontaneously - tape used only to confirm song: a series of clear, whistled notes descending in pitch. Did not end in higher note at end, as indicated in some references.

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

Ponderosa filled mesa & open grass - trees widely spaced; mesa near foothills & deep sandy gulch. Bird flew from tree to tree over large area. Many Western Woodpeckers in area, calling.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? Grace's Warbler: has yellow supercilium, lack white face patch and sings different song.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Yel-throated Warbler: Seen 4/93 TX (1m)

Grace's Warbler seen - (1m) 4-92 Ariz.; (1m) Haviland Lk., Colo.

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

- a) at time of observation: Nat. Geo. Guide to N.A. Birds - Cornell Lab Audio Tape "Eastern Bird Songs" } confirmed my observation.  
b) after observation: Audubon Soc. Encyclopedia of N.A. Birds + I.D.  
" " Master Guide to Birding Vol. III

This report was written from <sup>notes</sup> reports made during X, after observation <sup>some</sup> X from memory \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time report was written: Started June 8, finished July 4, 1994 4pm

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