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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGHT RECORD FORM

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RESULTS: _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS AND ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY.

SPECIES: Yellow-Throated Warbler
(COMMON NAME)Dendroica dominica
(SCIENTIFIC NAME)color photo
attached to
1998-161DATE(S) OF OCCURRENCE: MAY 16th 1998NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: one SEX: male ^{-I believe} PLUMAGE: BREEDINGEXACT LOCATION: wood grove on the NE corner of the junction of Roads 16 & 14HCOUNTY: Bent NEAREST TOWN: Ft Lyons ELEVATION: ? 3400' ftLENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 10-15 mins TIMES(S) OF OBSERVATION: 16:00 - 16:15OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S): DAVE QUESENBERRY
Englewood CO 1303 796 7603

LIGHT CONDITIONS [QUALITY; DIRECTION RELATIVE TO BIRD(S); POSITION]:

Late ~~early~~ AFTERNOON sun & clouds. (High cirrus), wind S-SE 15-25 mph. SUN AT OBSERVER'S
BACK. Bird in elm & cottonwood trees 6-15 feet off groundOPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED: Ziess 10x40DISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED): 15 feet to 50 FEETWAS THE BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED: YES IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS? NOWHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? DAVE QUESENBERRY

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD(S) OCCURRED:

Old rural farm wooded grove. irrigation run off canal to the south BORDER. Also see field
bordering other 3 sides. UNDERSTORY sparse GRASSES but mainly DRIED LEAVES AND DEAD FALL. TREES
old ELMS, RUSSIAN olives, old & young cottonwoods

DESCRIBE THE BIRD'S BEHAVIOR (FLYING; FEEDING; HABITS; BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION):

The bird WAS OBSERVED foraging in young cottonwoods & old ELM TREESIn the young cottonwoods the bird STAYED CLOSE to the MAIN TRUNK. NOT
VENTURING OUT far on the lower branches. The bird would then fly DIRECTLY to
the NEXT TREE. In the old ELMS, mainly WORKED the LARGE lower
branches often WAITING on top of the branches ~~and~~ EVEN hanging upside down
SEARCHING NUTS AND ORANIES.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. INCLUDE OVERALL SIZE AND SHAPE, AND HOW YOU PLACED THE BIRD IN THE GENERAL GROUP THAT YOU DID. GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF PLUMAGE, INCLUDING HEAD, THROAT, UNDERSIDES, NAPE, BACK, WINGS, AND TAIL. GIVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO MARKS YOU USED TO IDENTIFY THE BIRD(S). DESCRIBE OTHER DETAILS, SUCH AS COLOR AND SHAPE OF BILL, LEGS, EYE, ETC. THAT WERE IMPORTANT IN MAKING THE IDENTIFICATION. (FILL OUT THIS PORTION EVEN IF PHOTOGRAPHS ARE SUBMITTED; YOU MAY ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, DRAWINGS, FIELD SKETCHES, OR COPY OF FIELD NOTES):

THE BIRD WAS A LARGE ROBUST WARBLER APPEARING TO STAY MORE HORIZONTAL ^{RATHER} THAN SITTING UPRIGHT.

HEAD - BRIGHT YELLOW THROAT EXTENDING $\frac{1}{2}$ ^{WAT} ~~WAT~~ TO THE BREAST (SHARP BORDER)

- SUPERCILLIUM - WHITE, LORES WHITE. BLACK EYE STRIPE EXTENDING TO BILL AND BECOMING PART OF LARGE BLACK EAR COVERTS ^{patch} THEN EXTENDING DOWN SIDE OF NECK INTO THE FLANKS. DISTINCT WHITE PATCH POSTERIOR TO BLACK EAR COVERTS. BORDERED BY GRAY TO NAPE AND BLACK $\frac{1}{2}$ EYE STRIPE ON TOP & BLACK $\frac{1}{2}$ EAR COVERT EXTENSION ON TO NECK
- FORE CROWN - BLACK BECOMING SLATE GRAY ON TOP AND CONTINUING ON TO THE NAPE
- $\frac{1}{2}$ (WHITE) LOWER EYE RING - ALMOST PATCH LIKE

BODY - BACK, RUMP - SLATE GRAY AND UPPER TAIL COVERTS

UPPER $\frac{1}{2}$ OF BREAST BRIGHT YELLOW (FROM THROAT) BORDERED BY BLACK

LOWER $\frac{1}{2}$ BREAST, BELLY UNDER TAIL COVERTS - WHITE

FLANKS - STREAKED BLACK ON WHITE BECOMING ALL WHITE CLOSER TO THE RUMP

WINGS - BLACKISH GRAY WITH TWO WING BARS (WHITE) - ANTERIOR WING BAR LONGER, WIDER

AND MORE PROMINENT THAN POSTERIOR (GREATER COVERTS) WING BAR. PRIMARIES - EDGED WITH WHITE

SECONDARIES - EDGED FAINTLY WITH YELLOWISH BROWN

TAIL - UNDERSIDE - WHITE WITH BLACK OUTER EDGES

TOPSIDE - SLATE GRAY BECOMING BLACKISH GRAY TO BLACK AT THE END

SOFT PARTS - BILL - THIN, SLIGHTLY DOWN CURVED, BLACK. EYE - BLACK. LEGS - PALE GRAY

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM:

GRACE WARBLER - GRAY EAR COVERTS, LACK OF POST AURICULAR WHITE PATCH. BACK - BLACK STREAKING & LORES & UNDER EYE PATCH YELLOW - (YELLOW OF LORES TENDS TO EXTEND INTO SUPERCILLIUM)

KITLANDS WARBLER - LACKS WHITE SUPERCILLIUM & BLACK EAR COVERTS ALSO WITH YELLOW BELLY & FLANKS STREAKED BACK

WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES?

MINIMAL

LIST BOOKS, GUIDES, RECORDINGS, OR OTHER SOURCES CONSULTED AND HOW THIS INFLUENCED YOUR IDENTIFICATION (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION):

- NAT. GEO BIRDS OF N. AM. 2ND EDITION

THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM ^{TAPED} NOTES MADE DURING X OR AFTER _____ OBSERVATION, OR LATER FROM MEMORY _____.

DATE OF WRITTEN REPORT: 5-19-98

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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

Results: _____

Species:

Yellow-throated Warbler

Dendroica dominica

Dates: 5/16/98

Number of birds seen: one

Sex: ?

Plumage: alternate

Locality: Ft. Lyon wildlife easement (16th & JJ)

Elevation: about 4200 feet I think

Nearest town: Ft. Lyon

County: Bent

Time observed: 4:05 - 4:15 pm

Duration of observation: 10 minutes

Other observers with you: Ric Olson

Other observers who saw the bird independently: Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford

Light conditions: not noted

Optical equipment: Leica 10x42 Ultras; photo taken with Canon A2E using Sigma 400 APO MACRO lens

Distance from bird: usually 15 to 30 feet

Describe the bird's behavior: acted like a chickadee, feeding upside a lot. it was usually at about eye level and got up to about 10 feet up.

Describe the bird (what you actually saw):

wings: 2 white wing bars.

head: very strong malar stripe goes up through eye and extends to breast. gray crown. white supercilium. Bill has dark upper and lower mandibles. forehead darker than crown and nape. bill long and decurved. white patch behind ear. white crescent below eye.

underparts: white undertail except a little gray on central feather and undertail coverts. Lots of white and black on sides. very bright yellow throat and upper breast. White belly, lower breast.

legs: black

Describe the bird's song and call if heard: not noted

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird: wooded area near farm fields

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species:

Grace's Warbler: eliminated by white patch behind ear, white supercilium, malar stripe, white crescent below eye

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species: about 15 or 20 Yellow-throated Warblers in Florida, perhaps a hundred Grace's Warblers

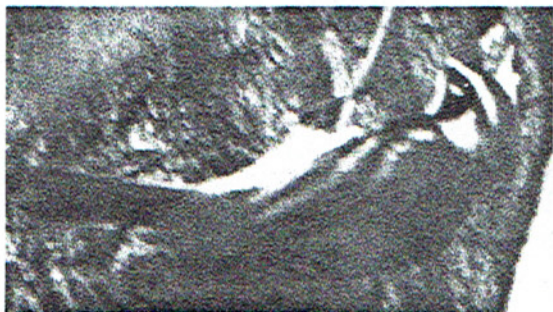
List books if they helped in your identification: none

This report was written from notes taken during x, or after observation
 or from memory . I took almost no notes.

Reporting observer:
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