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**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 Dendroica dominica
(COMMON NAME) (SCIENTIFIC NAME)

DATE(S) OF OCCURRENCE 5-2-99

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN one SEX male PLUMAGE ALTERNATE

EXACT LOCATION NW corner of LAMAR CEMETERY

COUNTY Prowers NEAREST TOWN Lamar ELEVATION 3622

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 mins TIME OF OBSERVATION ~7:00 am

OTHER OBSERVERS: BRANDON PERCIVAL, MARK JAMES (later) DAVE QUESENBERY Vic ZERRI
Gene Rutherford

LIGHT CONDITIONS - EARLY Am sun & clouds - crisp, cool Light south wind

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED: ZIESS 10x40

DISTANCE FROM THE BIRD: 20 - 60 FEET

WAS THE BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED ~~NO~~ PHOTOGRAPHS SUBMITTED Y/N
WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? _____

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD
OCCURRED:

CEMETARY with BLUE GRASS LAWN, MATURE PINE & EM TREES
No undergrowth

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

BIRD WAS OBSERVED FORAGING AMONGST THE PINE TREES, ON THE TRUNK, ON THE MAJOR LIMBS AND THE OUTER BRANCHES

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 ID. THE BIRD. DESCRIBE OTHER DETAILS SUCH AS COLOR AND SHAPE OF BILL, LEGS, EYES, ETC. THAT WERE IMPORTANT TO MAKING THE ID..(ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, DRAWINGS, SKETCHES, OR COPY OF FIELD NOTES) :

- AVE SIZED WARBLER - THAT SEEM TO FORAGE THE LIMBS

HEAD - BLuish GRAY CROWN EXTENDING ON TO NECK.

- BILL - BLACK - LONGER & POINTED

- WHITE SUPERCILLIUM EXTENDING TO BASE OF BILL

- EYE - BLACK. WITH LOWER WHITE CREST (1/2 ORBITAL RING)

- BLACK LORES EXTENDING BELOW EYE INTO AURICULAR AREA AND TO SIDE OF NECK. AURICULAR AREA BLACK WAS TERMINATE BY A WHITE PATCH ON SIDE OF NECK.

- YELLOW CHIN & THROAT

BACK - UNMARKED BLuish-GRAY
& Rump

UNDERPARTS - BREAST - BELLY - UNDER TAIL COVERTS - WHITE

- FLANKS - WHITE WITH BLACK STREAKING - A CONTINUATION OF THE BLACK FROM THE SIDE OF NECK.

LEGS - DARK

TAIL - DID NOT PAY MUCH ATTENTION - DARK

WINGS - DARK WITH TWO WING BARS - , WHITEISH OUTER EDGES OF PRIMARIES
BARELY NOTICABLE

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM:

Grace's Warbler → white check patch

Audubon's Warbler → white check patch, black on BREAST & FLANKS
No white supercilium

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 ID. (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION):

None consulted other than for scientific name

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

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COLORADO RARE BIRD REPORT

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER

Dendroica dominica

Location: Lamar Cemetery; Prowers County; Lamar, Colorado

Date: May 2-7, 1999

This bird was originally found by Brandon Percival.

Setting:

This bird was seen by scores of Colorado birders, most notably much of a CFO field trip in early May. It was present, though hard to find, in the cemetery at Lamar. It was seen at various times, and under different conditions. I observed it on May 7th. The bird was fairly slow-moving and could be hard to find. It sometimes gleaned in the open and once we observed it perched on a phone wire (!). It bark-gleaned, creeper-like, or moved out onto small limbs like a nuthatch. It stayed mainly in the upperparts of larger deciduous trees as well as large pines. I watched the bird at distances of 25-75 feet with B&L Elite 10x40 binoculars

Description:

It was a medium-small warbler, about 4-5" long. It was quite a striking warbler, patterned in white, black, gray, and yellow. It had a medium-sized to large bill, for a warbler, but it was long, thin and pointed. The bird's underparts were white. The flanks were extensively streaked with distinct black spots. The chin, throat and upper breast were a deep, clear yellow. The rest of the underparts were white. The upperparts were plain, dark gray. The wings were sooty gray with two large, distinct, white wingbars. The bird's face showed a complicated 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 (three in Colorado), including several in Texas in March 1994.

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

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