

ACCEPT 7-0

SPECIES:

Yellow-throated Warbler (*Dendroica dominica*)

DATE:

May 16, 1999

TIME(S) OF OBSERVATION:

Seen for a total of 30 minutes at several different times between 06:05 - 09:15am.

LOCATION:

Charfield State Park: At the Deer Creek picnic area

COUNTY:

Jefferson County

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

Steve Stachowiak, 8675 S. Cresthill Ln., Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

Ames Rau - Address unknown.

Joe Roller, 13040 W. 16th Dr., Golden, CO 80401

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT I USED:

Zeiss 10X40 binoculars

WEATHER CONDITIONS:

SKY: Overcast

WIND: calm

TEMP: 50-55F

BIRD/SUN ORIENTATION:

Overcast, even lighting, no bright sunlight or harsh shadows

DISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED:

Distance varied, estimate the bird was 50-100 feet away.

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN:

1 (one)

SEX:

Male

PLUMAGE:

Full breeding plumage

BEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR:

The bird was initially discovered and identified by its song. It wasn't until several minutes later that I located it high in a large Plains Cottonwood. The bird was alternating singing and feeding. He wandered to a few smaller cottonwoods nearby but returned often to the large one he was initially located in. The bird remained all morning, but could not be relocated in the afternoon.

SIZE:

The same size as nearby Yellow-rumped Warblers (*Dendroica coronata*)

DESCRIPTION:

Large, long-tailed warbler; gray crown with black forehead; gray nape, back, and tail. Two bold, white wingbars on black (edged with gray) wings. Auriculars black and triangle-shaped, extending from well behind the eye through the eye and lores to the bill (very similar in shape to a Kentucky Warbler's auricular patch). White supercillium and lower eye crescent. A relatively large white, vertical patch was directly behind the black auricular patch. Throat and breast clean yellow. Sides of throat, breast, belly boldly streaked with black extending barely to the flanks. Undertail coverts and central belly clean white. Bill very long (for a warbler) and thin. Iris black.

VOCALIZATION:

The bird sang many times; a distinctive series of descending notes (like the bird is running out of energy) terminated by a single, emphatic rising note.

ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

Grace's Warbler - Very similar but lacks the black, triangular shaped auricular patch and the white patch behind the auriculars. Not as boldly streaked on the sides.

Yellow-throated Vireo - Vireo bill is not as long and definitely not sharply pointed; yellow throat much more extensive; spectacled look; lacks the black, triangular shaped auricular patch and the white patch behind the auriculars

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

Yellow-throated Warbler – Have only seen one many years before in Arkansas.

Grace's Warbler – Have seen a few in Arizona (August 1997).

Yellow-throated Vireo – Have seen several in eastern Colorado in the last several years

BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADVICE CONSULTED THAT INFLUENCED THIS REPORT:

Peterson's "Western Birds", Third Edition, was consulted for scientific names used in this report.

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