

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form
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RESULTS:

Species:(Common Name): **Yellow-throated Warbler** (Scientific Name): **Dendroica dominica (albilora)**

Date(s) of occurrence: **04/15/01**

Number of birds seen: **1**

Sex: **----**

Plumage: **Alternate**

Exact location: **Hasty Lake Campground. Line of trees North of bathroom.**

County:

Nearest town:

Elevation:

Length of observation: **~10 minutes**

Time(s) of observation: **late afternoon**

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: **Adrian Binns, Martin Selzer, Bert Filemyr, Frank Windfelder, Lynn Jackson, Erica Brendel, and as we moved away it was seen by Chris Walters.**

Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): **unknown**

Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position: **Good, sun behind us after moving to best advantage.**

Optical equipment used: **Zeiss 7x42**

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): **~30 ft.**

Was bird(s) photographed? **No**

If so, have you submitted photos? **N/A**

Who took the photographs? **N/A**

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: **Grove of trees at campground**

Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the Species or in supporting the identification): **Feeding toward the treetop. (Deciduous tree, starting to leaf out, type unknown).**

Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include the 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 important 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 field notes): **Upon seeing the bird, my first thought was, it is a Yellow-throated warbler. It was similar to the alternate plumaged Yellow-throated Warblers we see routinely at Belleplain State Forest in NJ. This particular bird had a white eyebrow, with no yellow, and definite black auricular and facial area.**

Describe bird's call or song: **did not hear.**

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: **Possible Grace's Warbler- eliminated by black face and white eyebrow.**

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? **Have seen many Yellow-throated Warblers and a few Grace's Warblers.**

List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation):

National Geographic and Sibley.

This report is from notes made during or after observation or later from memory : **later from memory. ID was discussed while looking at the bird and at the field guides, at the time of sighting and immediately after.**

Date of written report: **04/29/01**

Reporting observer: **Karl Lukens**

Signature:

Reporting Observer's Address: **627 Sea Grove Ave.**

City: **Cape May**

State: **New Jersey**

Zip: **08204**

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RESULTS: _____

Print this page and then fill out. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species (please include common and scientific name):

Yellow-throated Warbler (*Dendroica dominica albilora*)

Date(s) of Observation: 15-April-2001

Number of birds seen: one

Sex: Male

Plumage: breeding (alternate)

Exact location: Lake Hasty State Recreation Area, in the trees to the north of the bathroom

County:

Nearest town: Hasty

Elevation:

Length of observation: All told by the group 30 minutes

Time(s) of observation: Approximately 5:30 pm

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: The entire group saw this bird although we may not have all been observing it at one time after it was initially found. Adrian Binns, Bert Filemyr, Karl Lukens, Lynn Jackson, Erica Brendel, Chris Walters, Frank Windfelder

Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): None that I know of.

Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position): Sunny, the warbler was busy feeding which allowed me to position myself so that the sun was at my back as we observed it.

Optical equipment used: Swarovski 8.5 X 42

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 25-35 feet

Was bird(s) photographed? NO If so, have you submitted photos? N/A

Who took the photographs? N/A

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: in the stand of trees to the north of the bathrooms at the park.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification): The warbler was foraging at the end of the crown where the leaves had recently budded out. It was staying within the last 1-1.5 of new foliage hunting for insects

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The bird was the size and shape of a typical eastern wood warbler and was hunting for insects in the edges of the foliage. When I first observed the bird I saw it from below and noted a white vent and belly with a bright yellow throat that started mid-chest and went all the way to the bill. There was strong black streaking along the outside of the chest from the mid-belly to the bird's black auricular patch. I thought it was a Yellow-throated Warbler, called to the rest of the group and then began second guessing my call as I suspected that Yellow-throated Warbler was probably a rare bird in Colorado and maybe I need to consider other possibilities. The other possibility that I immediately thought of was of a Grace's Warbler so we all started to concentrate on all the bird's field marks. There were two distinct white wing-bars, a very black auricular patch with a white patch behind and a strong white eyebrow above the auricular patch. The tail was dark above and of the same color as the bird's back.

Describe birds call or song: NO

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: While a Grace's Warbler would have a bright yellow throat, white belly and vent and two white wing-bars, it would have far less black streaking along its flanks than this bird did and it would not have that prominent black auricular patch, strong white eyebrow and large white patch behind the auricular patch. It was this facial pattern that led us to conclude this bird was a Yellow-throated warbler.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I see breeding Yellow-throated Warblers of both the nominate and albilora races annually in multiple spots in New Jersey and in the DelMarVa Peninsula where I am an active birder. I have seen Grace's Warbler on my two trips to Arizona, one in the fall and one in the spring.

List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation):

We consulted with Sibley's new field guide and National Geographic third edition as we were leaving the recreation area. These were used to confirm that the detailed facial pattern we observed was in fact that of the albilora race of Yellow-throated Warbler and that these field marks eliminated Grace's Warbler from consideration. We also checked range maps in these two books and the ABA Guide to Birding Colorado.

This report is from notes made during ____ or after X observation, or later from memory X (mostly).

As we left the park, we all discussed and reviewed what we had observed and concluded that the bird in question was a Yellow-throated Warbler. I was keeping a journal of our trip and jotted down some very sketchy notes, before entering them into my journal that I was maintaining on a laptop computer. This report was completed from that journal entry that you have already had provided.

Date of written report: 30-April-2001

Reporting observer: Martin Q. Selzer Signature:

Address: 1907 Hemlock Road, Flourtown PA 19031-2212, 215-233-9090 (home phone),

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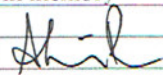
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RESULTS:

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| Species:(Common Name) Yellow-throated Warbler | | (Scientific Name) Dendroica dominica albilora | |
| Date(s) of occurrence: April 15 th , 2001 | | | |
| Number of birds seen: One | Sex: Male | Plumage: Breeding | |
| Exact location: Campground at Lake Hasty SRA, in the deciduous trees just to the north of the bathrooms | | | |
| County: Bent County | Nearest town: Caddoa or Hasty | Elevation: unknown | |
| Length of observation: 15-20 minutes | | Time(s) of observation: late afternoon about 5:15pm | |
| Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Bert Filemyr, Erica Brendel, Frank Windfelder, Chris Walters, Lynn Jackson, Martin Selzer Karl Lukens | | | |
| Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): Unknown. No other birders were around at that time. | | | |
| Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position: A very beautiful sunny day with little clouds. With the deciduous tree leafing out, we were able to get very good looks at the bird in very good lighting conditions. | | | |
| Optical equipment used: Nikon Ventures 10 x 42 | | | |
| Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): Approx 25' as it was located about 3/4's of the way up the tree. | | | |
| Was bird(s) photographed? No | | If so, have you submitted photos? No | |
| Who took the photographs? No | | | |
| Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: In a grove of deciduous trees to the north of the bathrooms | | | |
| Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the Species or in supporting the identification): It was slowly foraging working it way through the branches. | | | |
| Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include the 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 important 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 field notes): | | | |
| <p>I first noticed the warbler sized gray bird with two white wing bars, in the mid to upper section of the deciduous tree being able to see the back 3/4's of the bird. Enough to see that there were no markings on the gray back (which Grace's Warbler should show) and that there were bold black streaks down the white side of the breast/flanks (male). The undertail coverts were all white. The upper tail the same colour as the back, gray.</p> <p>Once the face was in view, it exposed a bold facial pattern dominated by the black triangular check/auricular patch, which extended downwards into the upper flank. There was a small white half moon crescent below the eye. There was also a strong distinct supercillium, showing NO yellow in the supraloral area, therefore eliminating Grace's or the dominica subspecies of Yellow-throated Warbler. There also was a noticeable white patch behind the cheek, contrasting with the black cheek. The bill was long and the throat all yellow down to the upper breast.</p> | | | |
| Describe bird's call or song: Did not vocalize | | | |
| Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: Grace's. Once we saw the distinctive facial pattern (described above), we were certain that this was Yellow-throated Warbler. | | | |
| What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Very few Grace's (mainly those in the fall in Mexico). A good number of Yellow-throated Warblers in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. | | | |
| List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): We check in Sibley and the Nat Geo basically to check for ID pointers, which confirmed it as a Yellow-throated Warbler. | | | |
| This report is from notes made during <input type="checkbox"/> or after <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> observation or later <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> from memory | | | |
| Date of written report: May 1 st , 2001 | | | |
| Reporting observer: Adrian Binns | | Signature:  | |
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