

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

(Please print or type. Attach photographs, drawings, and additional pages if necessary.)

CFO-RC FILE #: 2002-46
RESULTS: _____

rec'd 5/9/02 (A)

Species: Yellow-Throated Warbler Dendroica dominica
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)

Date(s) of observation: May 2, 2002

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Male Plumage: adult

Exact location: Southwest corner Lake Beckwith

County: Pueblo Nearest town: Colorado City Elevation: 6000 Feet

Length of observation: 5 minutes Times(s) of observation: 10-10:05 AM

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: None

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): None

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's position): Bird east of observer; sun south of observer;
adequate lighting

Optical equipment used: 10-40 Zeiss Binocular

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 15-20 Feet

Was bird photographed?: No If so, have you submitted photographs? _____

Who took the photographs? _____

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred:

Lakeside riparian habitat of willows and cottonwood

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification):

Bird foraged low in willows & higher in cottonwoods, behaving rather sluggishly like Vireo rather than Warbler.

Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird(s) 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. 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):

This was a fairly large warbler about yellow-rumped size. It had slate gray upperparts with darker wings and tail plus two prominent white wing bars and a bold white supercilium. A black triangle separated supercilium from bright yellow throat. Black spots on the flanks contrasted with otherwise white belly & undertail coverts. Bill was dark and slim. Legs were dark.

Describe bird's call or song:

None heard

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

Grace's Warbler has mostly all yellow supercilium and lacks bold facial triangle, and contrasting black & white facial markings.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

I have seen many Grace's Warblers, and have seen Yellow-Throated Warblers in 3 different states several times.

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

Dunn & Garrett, Warblers

This report was made from notes made during ☒ or after _____ observation, or later from memory _____.

Date of written report: 5-4-02

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