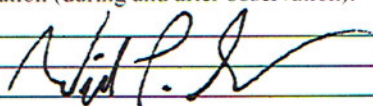


# Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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CBRC FILE #: 2003-115		
RESULTS: (A)		
Species: (Common Name) Yellow-throated Warbler	(Scientific Name) Dendroica dominica	
Date(s) of occurrence: 29 Dec 03		
Number of birds seen: 1	Sex: ?	Plumage: Interior east? (white Supraloral)
Exact location: Cañon City Abbey		
County: Fremont	Nearest town: Canyon City	Elevation: ~5400'
Length of observation: About 1 hour	Time(s) of observation: About 8 am - 9 am	
Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Chris Wood		
Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): Mark Peterson, Lisa Edwards, M.Ob.		
Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position): Good light, sunny day. Bird in shade of building at times but then the light was very even.		
Optical equipment used: Minox 8.5 X 42, Nikon D100 + 80-400 VR		
Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): Within 2 meters at closest (actually, the bird once seemed like it was going to hit me in the face as it flew in to my position from another tree!)		
Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? Yes	If so, are you submitting photos? Yes	
Who took the photograph(s)? Bill Schmoker		
Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Rows of pine trees on campus of abbey, surrounded by grassy areas, roads, parking lots, and buildings.		
Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: The bird was actively foraging throughout the observation. It seemed to be focusing on sap droplets created by sapsucker damage. In some of the photos sap can be seen on the bill. The bird also was seen probing bark crevices, presumably for insects. As it gleaned sap or probed for insects the bird frequently clung to vertical bark surfaces, sometimes completely upside-down. Every now and then the bird would fly up to the roof of a building, perhaps to warm up a bit in the sun (it was quite chilly in the shade that morning, around 20° F.)		
DESCRIPTION - A strikingly marked warbler. Bill fairly long and pointed, totally dark colored. Prominent canary-yellow throat and upper breast. White supercilium and Supraloral. Dark black auriculars, eye-line, and lores. Small bright white crescent under eye. Bright white neck spot. Crown and nape medium gray. Wings generally a bit darker gray, blight feathers outer edges pale gray. Two white wing bars formed by white tips of primary and greater coverts. Tail upper surfaces gray with pale edging. Belly clean white, flanks white with diffuse dark gray spotting almost lined up as streaks but not continuous. Legs and feet dark.		
Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: Single call notes were often heard. Call note somewhat reminiscent of Swamp Sparrow but a bit more musical.		
SIMILAR SPECIES - Somewhat similar to Grace's Warbler, but Grace's Warbler lacks the prominent white supercilium and cheek patch, among other differences. Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) can have a bright yellow throat and isn't too unexpected in winter, but also has yellow rump and side patches that this bird lacked, among other differences.		
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?: This was a life bird for me.		
List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley Guide to Birds		
This report was made from: Photos and notes taken after observation.		
Date and time of written report:		
Reporting observer: William P Schmoker	Signature: 	
Reporting observer's address: 3381 Larkspur Dr. Longmont, CO 80503 email: bill@schmoker.org		



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Photos: Cañon City Abbey  
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