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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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CFO-RC FILE X: 2001-018
RESULTS: _____

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

Species (please include common and scientific name): *Magnolia Warbler - Dendroica magnolia*

Date(s) of Observation: *August 10, 2001*

Number of birds seen: *1* Sex: *Fall male* Plumage: *Nonbreeding (Aug-Mar)*

Exact location: *The far south end of Ridgway State Park, where you have to do a 5-10 min. walk to get to the first bridge across the Uncompahgre. (2nd bridge washed out) Was beyond the 1st bridge to the left, where a faint, weedy track leads uphill to the mesa top. It was in heavily tangled oak understory off to the right.*

County: *Duray*

Nearest town: *Ridgway - 3 miles*

Elevation: *6600-6800 ft.*

About 1/2 way up the hill. Park just off 550 @ 24 Rd. bottom of hill.

Length of observation: *A minute or two*

Time(s) of observation: *Around Noon - to 1 P.M.*

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: *No*

Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): *None*

Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position): *Bright sun, the bird shaded somewhat in the oak tree.*

Optical equipment used: *Leica 8 by 32's*

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): *15 feet or so*

Was bird(s) photographed? *No*

If so, have you submitted photos?

Who took the photographs?

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

Very thick, tangled understory with lots of trailing vines, berry bushes, tall weeds etc in the vicinity of the mid sized oak which the bird was flitting about in. Tall narrow leaf cottonwoods lined the Uncompahgre River on the other side of the weedy track - LOTS of mosquitos!

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

Flitting about, probably hawking insects from the air &/or gleaning them from the foliage. At one point it clung upside down, such that I could see the underside of its tail.

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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):

Warbler 10 easy. But heavy black streaks on the yellow chest/breast, white wing patches on the sides, dull, dark olive colored mantle & a wide white band running almost the full length of the undertail (seen from below) seemed diagnostic even w/out the

Describe birds call or song:

No song

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

Not Audubons 'caz no yellow cap on head, no yellow patches on flanks & much more white on undertail than just the 2 oblong ovals Audubons have. Also the belly was yellow lower down - not white. (Though yellow on rump the same) Prairie has black streaking only on sides & head is not gray like this bird. Canada has no white wing patches & would be much rarer & Kirtlands

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

Have seen Magnolias in breeding plumage in both Colorado (near Lyons) & wouldn't be here! + High Island Texas. Have seen one Prairie in spring @ Bonny Reservoir & of course oodles of Audubons. No

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

Didn't have any F&S w/me in there 'caz I didn't think I needed any. (Surprise!) Just observed the bird as hard as I could. Canada or Kirtlands both would be lifers. I then studied Sibley/Nat'l Geo & Kaufman plus the Peterson Warbler guide (fat one) back at the car. Sibley matched what I saw the best. But the picture of the nonbreeding male

This report is from notes made during ___ or after ___ observation, or later from memory X

needed more white showing on the wing patches to match mine. I suspect field marks are not all that consistent from bird to bird in the fall.

Date of written report: August 20, 2001 - filled this out as soon as I could after getting back to the Senior Center to

Reporting observer: retrieve Tony's message!

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