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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form
(Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)

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RESULTS:

Species:(Common Name) Palm Warbler	(Scientific Name) Dendroica palmarum
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Date(s) of occurrence: October 3, 2001

Number of birds seen: One (1)	Sex: male	Plumage: adult
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Exact location: Pastorius Lake SWA, southeast of Durango, CO

County: La Plata	Nearest town: Durango	Elevation: 6400 ft
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Length of observation: approx. 30 seconds; attempts to relocate with a second observer where unsuccessful.	Time(s) of observation: 11:30am
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Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: None

Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): Unknown at this time, but bird was reported locally by Kip Stransky

Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position: Sunny, with sun above bird.

Optical equipment used: B&L Elite 10x 42

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): approx 100ft.

Was bird(s) photographed? No	N/A
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Who took the photographs? N/A

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: In small tree near irrigation ditch that feeds Pastorious Lake.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the Species or in supporting the identification): Bird was average size warbler that exhibited frequent tail flicking.

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): Bird was average size warbler with chestnut crown feathers, dark eye stripe, bright yellow undertail coverts, and rather plain grayish body and back, and two very indistinct wing bars. Under side was slightly lighter than rest of bird. Bill was average sized to small and blackish. This bird was the nominate Western race.

Describe bird's call or song: Not heard

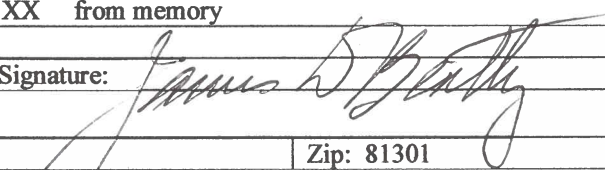
Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: The chestnut crown, dark eye line, bright yellow undertail feathers, and distinctive tail wagging, eliminate all other similar species. In my opinion there are no similar species to an adult male fall plumaged Palm Warbler as described above. This bird was not like any of "similar species" described in Dunn and Garrett, all of which I am familiar with.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? This is a bird I am very familiar with from thirty years of birding in southwestern Ohio where this subspecies is very common during Spring and Fall migrations.

List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): While I immediately identified this bird, I consulted Sibley in the field to confirm subspecies and sex. I also consulted Dunn and Garrett after returning home to verify my previous conclusions. I consulted Andrews and Righter to determine frequency of occurrence in this area, although I knew that Peter Derven had previously seen this species at the same general location within the last few years.

This report is from notes made during or after observation or later XX from memory

Date of written report: October 3, 2001

Reporting observer : James D. Beatty	Signature: 
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Reporting Observer's Address: 165 Twelve Point Buck Trail

City: Durango	State: CO	Zip: 81301
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Send report to:
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RESULTS:

Species:(Common Name) Palm Warbler

(Scientific Name) *Dendroica palmarum*

Date(s) of occurrence: 10/4/01, 10/7/01

Number of birds seen: one

Sex: Unknown

Plumage: Fall plumage

Exact location: Pastorius Reservoir SWA (~ 6 mi. SE of Durango) on CR 302.

County: La Plata

Nearest town: Durango

Elevation: ~6800 feet

Length of observation: Almost continuously for 1 hour on 10/7/01. (Only seen briefly on 10/4/01.)

Time(s) of observation: 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Jim Beatty, Ann Rilling and Pete Skartvedt

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s):

Peter Derven, John Rees, Joe Ortega, Catherine Ortega, and Cynthia Stengel.

Light Conditions [quality; direction relative to bird(s); position]:

3/4 of the time, it was overcast with almost complete cloud cover. During the remainder of the time, the sun was about 45 degrees away from the direction of the bird.

Optical equipment used: Swarovski 7x42 binoculars

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): ~ 8 meters.

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:

The habitat which the bird preferred was narrowleaf cottonwood and willow habitat adjacent to the water channel that supplies Pastorius Reservoir. The reservoir is surrounded by mainly agricultural lands on a mesa.

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

Mainly the Palm Warbler was gleaning insects from leaves and branches of a narrowleaf cottonwood tree. Occasionally the bird would forage on the ground or flutter out from the tree to hawk an insect. The bird constantly pumped its tail.

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):

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