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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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CBRC FILE #: 2004-27RESULTS: 7-0 (A)

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

Species (please include common and scientific names): Chestnut-sided Warbler
(Dendroica pensylvanica)Date(s) of Observation: 5/18/04Number of birds seen: One Sex: male Plumage: Adult breeding ♂Exact location: My yard in the south/east corner of Hooper, Alamosa
County, Colorado.County: AlamosaNearest town: HooperElevation: 7,553 I think.Length of observation: about 3 minutes.
around 9:43 a.m.Time(s) of observation: RightOther observers who saw the bird(s) with you: My brothers: Micah, Jeshua, and
Kalen etc.Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): N/ALight conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observer(s) position): Really good
the bird was clearly visible.Optical equipment used: Leica 8x32 Trinavid BN, Eagle Optics 8x42
Ranger Platinum class binos, etc.Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): About 10 feet, then farther
away.Was (were) bird(s) photographed? NO If so, are you submitting photos? N/AWho took the photograph(s)? N/ADescribe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: It came to our
small pond with a few elm trees around it. At the edge of
the pond there is some crab grass.Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the
identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: It flew down to the water's
edge and took a short bath, then it flew up into
the tree where it preened and then left. (We did
not see it again.)[click here for page 2 of this form](#)

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DESCRIPTION -- This is the **most important** part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Features to include are the color(s) and/or patterns of the head, eyes, bill, back, folded wings, open wings, tail, chin, throat, breast, sides, flanks, belly, vent, and legs. Also, please include, where possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings - folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional sheets of description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes.

About 5" long from bill tip to tail tip. Appeared slender. Shape was like that of other Dendroica warblers. Bright yellow crown, black lores and eye-stripe, and black malar. White auriculars. Clean white throat, breast, and belly. Chestnut colored flanks and sides. Dark wings with two bold off white wing bars, and light feather edging. The under tail coverts were white. Eyes, bill, and legs were dark gray to black.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: N/A

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration.

The only similar species is Bay-breasted Warbler. This can be eliminated by the head pattern alone i.e. rusty colored crown, throat, and malar. Black auriculars, and supercilium. Creamy nape ect.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I saw both these species in Texas...

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Did not use books for identification, but I did look at the Sibley Guide to Birds of Western North America later.

This report is from notes made from (check one) ☐ noted made during observation ☐ noted made after observation ☒ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: 5/19/04 8:30 a.m.

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