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CFO-RC FILE #: 2001-137 RESULTS: _____ OBSERVER: Coen Dexter
COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

Species: Blackpoll Warbler Dendroica Striata
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)

Date(s) of observation: 9 Jun 2001 Number of birds seen: 1

Sex: M Plumage: Breeding

Exact location: Deer Lodge Park Dinosaur National Monument

County: Moffat Near by town: Maybell Elevation: 5800'

Length of observation: 1 hour Times(s) of observation: 8:15 - 9:15 AM

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Brenda Wright, Glenn Girair, Lisa Clauss

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): _____

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's position): good - all directions

Optical equipment used: 10 bx 42 Swarovski and 3 other pair of binocs

Distance from bird(s): 20 - 40 feet

Was bird photographed? No Were photos submitted? —

Who took the photographs? —

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: Riparian lowland - The bird was singing in Cottonwood trees along the Yampa River

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification): The bird was singing 20-40 feet in cottonwoods. Every few minutes the Blackpoll Warbler would be harassed by Yellow Warblers and forced to find a new singing perch.

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. The warbler was small - about the size of the yellow warblers who were present. The warbler had a black cap and white cheeks. The upper parts were heavily streaked with black on a grayish background. The wings were dark with two white wing bars. The tail had white tail spots. The underparts were white with black streaks on sides of neck and chest and belly. Nape was streaked. Legs and feet were straw colored.

Describe bird's call: Call was extremely high. I could hardly hear it unless I was very close to the bird. Brenda found the bird first by hearing it sing.

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: Black and white Warbler - Song different, white stripe through crown, and white eyebrow. Black-throated Gray Warbler - Song different, white

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have had a lot of experience with all three of these common warblers. eyebrow yellow spot in front of eye, black throat.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification: we used several guides to confirm our ID but they did not influence our ID.

This report was made from notes made during X or after X observation, or later from memory X. Date of written report: 25 Nov 01 Signature: Coen Dexter