

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

(Please print or type. Attach photographs, drawings, and additional pages if necessary.)

rec'd 9/13/03

Species: Black-and-White Warbler Mniotilta varia
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s) of observation: 9/1/03Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? immature male? Plumage: _____Exact location: across the street (north) from the Indian Museum, Montrose, Co in small parkCounty: MontroseNearest town: Montrose

Elevation: _____

Length of observation: 5 minTimes(s) of observation: 11:30 - 11:35Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Deb Stegall

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

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's position): bright sunlightOptical equipment used: Bausch + Lomb ElitesDistance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): Bird was 20 ft straight overheadWas bird photographed?: No

If so, have you submitted photographs? _____

Who took the photographs? _____

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: Bird was feeding in mixed deciduous grove cottonwood / box elder

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

Bird was feeding in mixed flock of Black-capped chickadees, Wilson's Warblers and was on a cottonwood tree - glancing around + up + down limbs like a nuthatch

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. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes):

size + shape - warbler shape + size (similar to Wilson's it was nearby) - but seemed a little slimmer. The bird's behavior caught my attention first - and then its coloring - I was expecting it to be a nuthatch because of the behavior (overDescribe bird's call or song: bird did not call or sing

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

Black-throated Gray Warbler - 1st by foraging method, 2nd by plumage differences - streaking of back, wings, lack of yellow on lore; 3rd - its overall look and way it "sits" is different.

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

Have seen before with Rich Lewad 5/13/00 on Spring Count

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

Sibley Guide to Birds, National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America 4th editionThis report was made from notes made during ☒ or after ☒ observation, or later from memory ☒.Date of written report: 9/1/03Reporting observer: Ronda Woodward Signature: Ronda L WoodwardObserver's address: 1353 GRAND AVE GT 81501

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but then it was black & white - so I thought Downy Woodpecker - and then realized it was a Warbler & knew what it was because I've seen the species before this.

Plumage - the bird was a little paler than illustrations I've seen in books - not having the very dark, crisp black & white colors all over, ~~but~~ but the colors on the breast & especially the spotting under the tail were softer than some of the illustrations I've seen. The back & head black & white were strongly marked, however. The head ~~was~~ ^{white} black with a ^{white} stripe over the eye and under the eye. The throat was lightly streaked with the streaks extending down into the belly, but turning pretty pale. The back & wings were heavily streaked black & white. The sides were streaked - but lightly. The tail was whitish underneath & spotted under tail coverts - the bird did not flash the ^{tail} out where we could see any other details. I did not see any "brown wash" as indicated in the, "Sibley guide" on the female - so wonder if I saw a juvenile male?

Bill shape was long, slim and a little decurved.

Overall appearance of the bird - a Warbler-sized & shaped bird streaked black & white - "boldly streaked" on the back, head & wings, more softly streaked on the neck, throat, sides and rump - glancing bugs on the limb on trunk of the cottonwood tree in a similar manner to a nuthatch.