

Sight Record Report

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Please fill out as accurately as possible. Include only those details of which you are certain and only those observed in the field; leave blank details not observed. Attach any additional comments or details on separate sheets. Please print or type

Species Canada Warbler Date(s) June 22, 1970
Location 0.3 miles east of Shickley residence at Eldora
County ? State Colorado Elevation not recorded at the time but probably ~9000
Observer Van Remsen Number of birds 1
Time of Day 1130, 1500 Light conditions excellent - bright sunlight from side
Distance to bird 35-75 feet Optical equipment 7x35 binocs
Length of time observed 15 minutes
Sex Male Plumage (e.g. Breeding) breeding
Overall appearance and relative size
Warbler-type, about size of Yellow Warbler.

Bill warbler-shape - thin, dark

Crown and forehead blackish

Nape Blue-gray

Face White-eye-ring on black area around eye & white eye-line extending from eye to bill - not behind eye

Eye dark

Throat Bright lemon yellow, well outlined by dark face.

Breast and sides Black necklace extending across chest with black fingers projecting into breast

Belly and flanks Bright lemon yellow

Undertail coverts not noted

Back Blue-gray

Wings Blue-gray. No wingbars

Underwings Not noted

Rump Blue-gray

Undertail coverts

Upperside of tail

Blue-gray - not spots or conspicuous markings

Underside of tail

not noted

Legs

not noted

Behavior

Very territorial, singing constantly from specific song perches throughout the afternoon.

Voice Song similar to Warbling Vireo but less fluid, more disjointed and wheezy. Sounded like a cross between a Warbling Vireo and a singing Western Flycatcher

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Habitat Alder - willow riparian thicket, surrounded by spruce forest

How identification was decided - elimination of similar species

No other warbler has combination of

- black-breast markings
- yellow throat and underparts
- white-eyering
- no wing bars

There really was never any question in our mind as to identification - we knew what it was immediately and were aware of its rarity. We searched the area for a female (since the bird acted as if on breeding territory) we were not able to find one.

Mrs. Gail Shickley has seen a Canada Warbler at this very spot in mid-June in previous years!

Prior experience with this species: Seen about 5-8 times in Massachusetts in 1966-67.

This description written from	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made during observation	Address Dept. of Zoology Univ. of Calif. Berkeley, CA 94720
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Others seeing the bird (addresses of two
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Signed

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Date

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