

Species: Canada Warbler (Vernacular Name) Wilsonia canadensis (Scientific Name-use binomial)
 - Spring Bird Count (Arken-A.S.) - see Field notes 07437 (B. Field)
 Date(s): May 12, 1974 Time Bird Seen: 0845 to 0900 (D.L.)
 Locality: Fountain Valley School mi. So of Colo Spgs, Colo
 Nearest Town: Security-Widefield, Colo County: El Paso
 Other observers who identified this bird:

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Optical Equipment: 8x40 Bushnell Sportview (D.L. Laliberte)
 Light Conditions: good, sky clear though shaded in pine grove - light still good
 Distance from Bird (how measured): _____
 Number of Birds Seen: 1 individual Sex: ♂ Plumage: _____
 Overall Appearance and Size: (see attached field notes)

Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field):
 Bill (shape and color): dark (also see accompanying field notes)
 Legs (shape and color): _____
 Crown and Forehead: uniformly dark gray above Eye (color): dark
 Nape: _____ Face: _____ Throat: rich yellow
 Breast and Sides: rich yellow with short black streaks lengthwise
 Belly and Flanks: _____
 Undertail Coverts: _____
 Back: uniformly dark gray above
 Wings: _____
 Underwings: _____
 Rump: dark gray Uppertail Coverts: _____
 Upper Side of Tail: _____
 Under Side of Tail: _____
 Shape of Tail: _____
 Voice: _____

Behavior: Movements: rapid flitting
 Habitat: in Cottonwood, Ponderosa pine grove (see attached field notes)
 Prior Experience with this Species: _____

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? (see attached field notes)

(see attached field notes)
 This Report was Written From: Notes made during _____ after _____ observation; Memory _____
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Return to: JACK REDDALL - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110
 (USE REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET OR ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY)

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Fountain Valley School
Big John's Reserve
Fountain - So. Fountain & area
So. of town

Tree Grove - Fountain Valley / unlabelled
San Jo, El Paso Co, Colo

AW/T = - stop 440 ft
End (75 ft) (approx)

- Miles clear, calm
Cool to warm (warmer)

-- quite a bit of wind on
BSR became "hatched-up" towards
end - SE cld's of cumulus

"Strato-cumulus" type
Obs. participants: DLL, B-Miller, B-Fields
Mileage 61.0 mi
- 61 vehicle
"Foot

Locality -

Vegetal Type / Areas includes -
(FUS) - Cottonwoods, maples
Ponderosa pine etc.

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The bird was first seen by
Mrs Betty Field at 0745 in a

Cottonwood tree about 20 ft from
the ground - flitting around the trunk of
the tree - she was standing about

25 ft from the tree. other birds
in the same tree or associated with
this bird were yellow warbler,
Am Goldfinch. Mrs Field remarked
about a bird with light yellow - even
spectacles - all yellow. Below throat
to belly - mentioned the necklace
on throat - breast & gray upper parts
back etc. she watched the bird
for about 5 minutes. Bird
worked around branches of tree
bird flitted rapidly about.
She especially noted the "clear
evening"

IV (Laliberte) saw the
bird again at 0845 and watched
the bird for about 10 min period

(100900) Time The Canada Warbler was
relocated by me in a ponderosa pine

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Canada Warbler
Species Accounts 2

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grove in Fountain Valley School
about a block west of 1st location.

Having just observed a Magnolia
warbler in the same grove of trees
(this being also on my "life list")
I then walked along the grove. ~~Just~~

to the southern half. Suddenly
an unfamiliar voice came from
within the grove. I then proceeded
towards the fence. Then I caught
a glimpse of a warbler-like bird
flitting around in the grove. I then
crossed into the grove. After carefully
working through the that-spot.

Suddenly the bird entered and
I caught sight of a rich yellow
throat framed by a dark-greyish
collar. Initially I knew the
was the Canada Warbler. I then
checked out the various field
marks. The bird rapidly flit
through the pine branches. The
bird stayed in an area of about
5 to 10 ft off the ground

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Species Accounts 3

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Taken directly from Field note
book "all prominent details noted"
Yellow-Throat, breast
underparts - yellow (flanks, breast belly &
short necklace streaks - dark gray
gray above

light-yellow spectacles + lore mark
watched 10-15 minutes. Optical equip-
8x40 Bushnell Spot View - at distance
of about 15 ft. to 20 ft away



rich yellow
throat
+ breast

... Wilson's ...
rough sketch drawn the next
day from memory

When B. Field = noted the warbler
she said IT was in association
w/ a yellow warbler & a few American
Goldfinches (1st time in California)
(2nd time in Arc Grove). The
bird was in company w/ no other
birds.

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Species Accounts 4

This warbler seemed to be
singing longer & longer than say
a yellow-rumped warbler - perhaps
by as much as 1/4 inch or so.
Bird sang regularly.

see species lists and
Journal

Comment: The first time the
bird was seen B. Field I wasn't
present (but off in another section of
the school's campus looking for birds).
She said she watched a new warbler
for about 5 minutes. Betty Miller
caught a glimpse of the warbler
but not well enough to comment.
I think she has seen it in Minnesota.
When B. Field returns to meadow is
minutes later she described the
bird - my immediate response was
"That sounds like a Canada warbler."
It is rather rare in Colo and we must
find it again! after going back to
the spot we had no luck.

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Canada Warbler
Species Accounts 5

Later I left our birding trio
and went to the grave of pines and
Cottonwoods. By this time I thought
"we probably won't find it again."
B. Field did say the bird fitted quite
rapidly and almost could call the
bird elusive. But to my surprise
I relocated him in the pine grove.
After observing a series, I quickly
left area to find the other 2 party
members (B. Field & B. Miller). After
returning with them we had no luck
in locating the bird for a 3rd time.
Notes - written 3 parts in the
Field - immediately afterwards.
The next day

I have absolutely no doubt
about this bird being a Canada
warbler. The Field may make
it an unmistakable identification.

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