

Species: CANADA WARBLER

Wilsonia canadensis

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): October 15, 1975 Time Bird Seen: 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. - MDT

Locality: Along Boulder Creek on University of Colorado Campus

Nearest Town: Boulder

County: Boulder

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

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Bruce Webb - 21 Chatauqua, Boulder, Colorado 80302

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Optical Equipment: 10X50 Bushnell Binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used: _____

Light Conditions: Clear; bird observed from various positions with respect to sunlight.

Distance from bird (how measured): Variable; 20 feet to 100 feet.

Number of Birds Seen: One Sex: Male Plumage: Adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

Bird was observed alternately feeding in small, low shrubbery and at rest. It never flew higher than about 25' over the ground during feeding.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

Small (5") typical warbler. Dark, slender, straight pointed bill. Forehead, top of head, back, wings, upper tail coverts, top of tail grayish. Underparts, yellow. Fairly well marked dark necklace (for fall bird). Throat, yellow. Loes, yellow. Yellow spectacles. Eye, dark. No wing bars.

The bird had a bad right eye. It was either missing or so badly diseased that it could not be discerned.

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

Faint warbler-like "chip". No song heard.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Riparian woodlands. Underbrush. Dense thickets.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

One can hardly mistake this species for any other warbler. It is the only warbler with all gray upper parts. Necklace is diagnostic. Kentucky Warbler has yellow lores and yellow spectacle, but lacks necklace and has olive upper parts.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

Have seen many Canada Warblers in the Chicago area (1941-1946) and also in lower peninsula of Michigan (1941-1946). Seen on Long Island, New York nearly every year from 1947 through 1961 some years in good numbers. Also up-state New York (Syracuse-Utica) area. This is the first time I have seen one in Colorado.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

None.

This report was written from notes made during ___ after ☒ observation; from memory ☒

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