

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: CANADA WARBLER | WILSONIA CANADENSIS 2. Number: 1 ♂
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: 1624 N. TEJON ST. COLO SPGS
4. Date(s): 26 MAY 76 5. Time bird seen: 5:50 AM to 6:15 AM
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration: in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field): FIRST HEARD A CALL THAT I WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH. BIRD FIRST SEEN ABOUT 18' UP IN A MAPLE TREE IN MY FRONT YARD. BLACK STREAKS ON UPPER BREAST VERY EVIDENT AS WAS BRIGHT YELLOW THROAT & BELLY. THERE WERE NO WING BARS. OBVIOUS EYE RING BUT YELLOW BTWN EYE & BEAK WAS LESS EVIDENT. THE BACK WAS GRAY. I DID NOT NOTICE BEAK OR FEET COLOR. CALL WAS LOUD & FAST BUT STARTED WITH A "LOW CHIP" WHICH BIRDS OF N. AMERICA MENTIONS AS CHARACTERISTIC. AFTER BIRD FLEW OFF, I LISTENED TO THE RECORD THAT ACCOMPANIES PETERSON'S
7. Description of voice, if heard: WESTERN BIRDS & THIS HELPED ME TO MAKE THE IDENTIFICATION.
8. Description of behavior: HOPPED SLOWLY FROM BRANCH TO BRANCH. DID NOT MOVE ABOUT THE TREE QUICKLY.
9. Habitat - general: SEEN IN RESIDENTIAL AREA FIRST IN MAPLE TREE & specific: THEN IN ELM
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 & 8 above: THERE ARE NO SIMILAR SPECIES W/ BLACK NECK STREAKS, NO WING BARS, & GRAY BACK & EYE RING.
11. Distance (how measured?): ABOUT 18' IN MAPLE TREE & 15' IN ELM TREE. THESE TREES ARE ON MY PROPERTY SO I AM FAMILIAR WITH THEM.
12. Optical equipment: SWIFT 7x50 BINOCULARS.
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer): BRIGHT MORNING WITH SUN JUST COMING UP THRU TREES. SUN BEHIND ME W/ BIRD IN FRONT.
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: FIRST SIGHTING OF SPECIES FOR ME.
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? THE CALL WAS NEW TO ME & UPON SIGHTING, THE BLACK NECK STREAKS WERE EVIDENT (OVER)
16. Other observers: I CALLED ELINOR WILLS & SHE & HELEN HUDLOW CAME OVER BUT IT WAS ABOUT 3 HRS AFTER MY SIGHTING BEFORE THEY (OVER)
17. Did others agree with your identification?
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: -
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: PETERSON'S BIRDS OF W. NORTH AMERICA, RECORD OF BIRD CALLS, BIRDS OF N. AMERICA, BOILEY & NIEDRACH - THEY ALL HELPED CONFIRM FIELD MARKS I NOTICED.
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used: NOT PHOTOGRAPHED

Charles L. Campbell
Signature

Date Prepared: 27 MAY 76

Street Address: 1624 N. TEJON COLO SPGS 80907
City & State: _____

I CHECKED A RECENT CFO LIST OF BIRDS THAT REQ THIS REPORT
CANADA WARBLER WAS LISTED.

GOT THERE & THE BIRD WAS GONE. I SHOULD HAVE CALLED EUNOR
@ 6 AM INSTEAD OF 8:30.