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APPENDIX II

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS
FOR
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDSSpecies: Canada Warbler ; Wilsonia canadensis
(Vernacular name) (Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students -- those studying occurrences 50 years from now -- must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Dates (s): 6/24, 7/1, 7/11 1987 Time Bird Seen: 8:30 am to 9:00 amLocality: Nederland, Boulder County CO

"Tucker Willow Carr", 2 miles west of Nederland
Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: Minolta 8x20

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Male Plumage: matureLight conditions: Sunny to Partly cloudyDistance from bird, and how measured: 25' - estimate

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

Very active, moving constantly within a 40 yard area, gleaning within the lower and mid section of Blue Spruce and the upper portions of alder. Singing.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

Mature of Blue Spruce (*Picea pungens*), Aspen (*Populus Tremuloides*) and Alder (*Alnus tenuifolia*) which is on the edge of a mesic montane willow carr, elevation 8300'.

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

None

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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough). Describe what you actually saw in the field. As taken from field notes of 6/24:

Gray on top; no wing bars. Yellow underneath with black spotted "necklace". White eye ring with yellow lores extending to beak. "Warbler" size.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.: Bird was singing constantly. That is what first attracted me area as it had a slightly different song from Wilson's, MacGillivray's and Yellow which are breeders in my Breeding Bird Census area. (Area of sighting is just corner outside of BBC area). Song was "warbler like", close to yellow but slightly different sequence.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Based on time I had to view and features observed, nothing else seems to come close.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

None

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

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