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SPECIES: Canada WarblerW: sonia canadensis

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name)

DATE(S): Oct. 29, 1989TIME OF OBSERVATION: 12:0012:15 PmEXACT LOCATION: Chatfield SRA, West side of S. Platte RiverNEAREST TOWN: LittletonCOUNTY: Jefferson

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

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OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: 10x40 Bushnell BinocularsWEATHER CONDITIONS: Mostly cloudy - 40% - Winds North 5-10 mphBIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: VariedDISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: 25'-150ft - estimatedNUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: male PHASE: adult - basic

BEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR: Feeding in Russian olives & willows with a small flock of Black-capped chickadees & Ruby-crowned Kinglets. Very actively feeding, flicking wings, rapidly moving through the branches and from one bush to another. Feeding 5-15ft above ground.

HEAD & NECK (forehead, crown, nuchal & nape regions):

Crown, nape, and face all dark gray, unmarked except for eye-ring. Lores & feathers immediately above bill: yellow-gray.

EYES & LORES (supercilium, eye-ring, eye-stripe, color, etc.):

Eye black with thick pale eye-ring of uniform thickness. Lores: yellow-gray.

LOWER & UPPER MANDIBLES (color & shape): Mandibles black. Thin and sharply pointed.

LEGS & FEET: Legs pink-orange.

UPPERPARTS (nape, back, rump, uppertail coverts, etc.):

Nape, back, rump, and tail all uniformly dark gray.

UNDERPARTS (chin, throat, belly, sides, flanks, crissum, etc.):

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Retrices - "Tail uniformly dark gray - no tail spots"

Wings - "Wings dark gray, with a little brown in the primaries + secondaries, No wing bars"

Vocalization - none

Habitat "Piedmont Woodland. Tall cottonwoods with an open understory of scattered bushes".

Elimination of other sp: "This is the only species with yellow undersides, gray back, No tail spots or wingbars, and a chain of dark streaks running across the breast."

Own experience "very little - I have seen a few Canada's in the East. Most of my experience has been with Colorado's breeding warblers."

Books consulted "Took notes after observing the bird. Consulted the NGS guide upon returning to car"

by Randy Lertz, 11/6/89