

## APPENDIX II

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS  
FOR  
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDS

ACCEPT

RD #1: 5-2

RECIRC: 5-2

MEET: 4-1

Species: 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): 8/28/95 Time Bird Seen: 1000 to 1005Locality: Turkey Cr, Fort Carson  
Colorado Springs El Paso CO  
Nearest town, county and state:Optical equipment: Zeiss 10x40 BBT

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: Alternate, 2nd yearLight conditions: very goodDistance from bird, and how measured: 20 meters estimated

Describe the bird's overall behavior: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

(Quercus gambelii)  
Foraging mid-story, ~6M high in leaves of Gambell's Oak, n Mature Gambell's Oak  
along Turkey Creek, under dense canopyOther observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address): Susan Blackshaw - DECAM - Fort Carson, CO 80913-5000

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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.

Warbler with yellow chin, throat & belly with narrow blackish bib just below throat. Blackish bib broken into narrow ~~star~~ parallel streaks running to upper belly. Noticeable yellow eye ring with noticeable black border below eye separating yellow chin from blue-grey hind cheek & nape. Crown blackish, yellowish supercilium.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

Sounded like Hermit Thrush call note used on wintering grounds which ~~attracted~~ <sup>alerted</sup> us to the bird which turned out to be the warbler.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

- ① Magnolia Warbler - has necklace but also has black mask & streaked flanks + The Canada does not. white wingbars
- ② Hooded Warbler - black on head in different areas, w/out necklace
- ③ Kentucky Warbler - w/out necklace

Prior experience with this and similar species:

I've seen this bird quite a bit when I worked on Isle Royale N.P. in Lake Superior.

I've seen Magnolias regularly but only 1 Kentucky, in CO & a few in TX

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

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