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**Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form**

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RESULTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Print this page and then fill out. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species (please include common and scientific name): **Canada Warbler*****Wilsonia Canadensis***Date(s) of Observation: **May 27, 1999**Number of birds seen: Sex: Plumage: **1 adult male**Exact location: **Adams Lodge 2400 RBC Rd 12 Rio Blanco County**County: Nearest town: **Meeker** Elevation: **7500 feet**Length of observation: **We observed the bird for about five minutes**Time(s) of observation: **7:20 PM**Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: **Barbara Pelloni**

Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s):

Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position): **bird well lit by evening sun from behind me**Optical equipment used: **Swarovski 10X42 binoculars**Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): **30 - 40 feet**Was bird(s) photographed? **No** If so, have you submitted photos?

Who took the photographs?

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: **riparian habitat willows along Marvine creek bank,**Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification): **/ The bird landed on top of willow along the creek bank, then appeared to be flycatching from the top of the willow until chased off by a Yellow Warbler.**

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Describe the bird in detail. : **The bird appeared close in size to a nearby Yellow Warbler. Bird had gray upperparts, bright yellow underparts. Obvious light colored eye ring. Bold black "necklace" of black streaks on the yellow breast.**

Describe birds call or song: **Song made me think of Common Yellowthroat, but started with a short note, then a richer warble with additional syllable between the two "wichery" sounds. I heard the song before sighting the bird and heard it again the next morning, but did not see the bird again.**

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: **I am not familiar with any species that look much like a Canada Warbler.**

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? **This is the first Canada Warbler that I've seen. We often see McGillivray's, Yellow-rumped, Wilson's, Orange-crowned and Yellow Warblers here.**

List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification

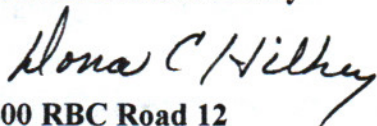
(during and after observation): **I compared my notes to a third edition National Geographic Birds of North America field guide. I also looked at warblers on Thayer Birding Software's Birds of North America, compared the song to Peterson's Western Birds and Thayers CDs. I compared the sonogram of the Canada Warbler to the birdsong I was hearing and it was a match. I listened to other warbler songs to be see if there were any others similiar, didn't find any I thought I could have gotten confused with Canada Warbler.**

**This report was made from notes made during and after observation.**

Date of written report: **5/30/99**

Reporting observer: **Dona C. Hilkey**

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