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CBRC FILE # 2002-76

RESULTS:

Species: (Common Name) Canada Warbler (Scientific Name) *Wilsonia canadensis*

Date(s) of occurrence: Sept. 6, 2002

Number of birds seen: one Sex: Fall adult female or 1st fall male Plumage:

Exact location: south eastern corner of Milton Res

County: Weld Nearest town: Platteville Elevation: 4900 feet

Length of observation: 30 seconds Time(s) of observation: ~ 08:00

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: none

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): none

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers

position: sunny, winds calm, sun behind observer off right shoulder.

Optical equipment used: Ziess 10 x 40

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 25 to 35 feet

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? No If so, are you submitting photos?

Who took the photograph(s)?

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred:

Willow tree, cockle bur riparian area on the SE shore of Milton Res.

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: The bird popped out on a large horizontal branch about 5 feet off the ground. It worked its way along the branch and then flew into the next willow tree.

DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Features to include are the color(s) and/or patterns of the head, eyes, bill, back, folded wings, open wings, tail, chin, throat, breast, sides, flanks, belly, vent, and legs. Also, please include, where possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings - folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail.

Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional sheets of description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes. The bird was noticed in a loose large flock of warblers (98% Wilson's, few Townsend's) . The bird's crown, nape, back, unbarred wings and tail were a dull gray color. The bird had a very prominent, full, whitish eye ring, and a small, thin off white loreal stripe. The eye was black. The bill was black on top and at the tip below, turning pale at the base. The throat, breast, belly were yellow. The breast had a grayish, black 'necklace' stretching from shoulder to shoulder. The legs were dark. The under tail coverts were white.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: none heard

SIMILAR SPECIES - This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: Nashville Warblers lack breast streaking and have yellow under tail coverts. Magnolia Warblers have wing bars, white in the tail, usually some streaking in the flanks.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen quite a few in Minnesota.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation):

This report was made from (check one) ___ notes made during observation ___ notes made after observation X later from memory.

Date and time of written report: Sept, 6, 2002. 17:00

Reporting observer: Ric Olson Signature:

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