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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD _____ UNUSUAL RECORD X**Species:** Canada Warbler (*Wilsonia canadensis*)**Date:** 31 August 2003**Number seen:** one**Sex:** female**Plumage:** immature**Locality:** 75 meters east of RMBO banding station at Barr Lake**Elevation:** ~5,000 feet**Nearest town:** Brighton**County:** Adams**Time observed:** ~8 AM**Duration of observation:** several minutes

Description: Generally a yellow and gray warbler actively foraging among branches/leaves of a tall cottonwood. The underparts were bright lemon yellow, except for the undertail coverts which were pure white; additionally, faint gray, diffuse streaking formed an incomplete breastband. The upperparts were solid slate-gray. The head was also mostly this slate-gray color, except for the yellow supraloral area and complete white eye-ring around dark eyes. The bill was short, thin, and dark. The legs were pinkish-orange.

Separation from other species: Other than Blue-winged (*Vermivora pinus*) and Prothonotary (*Protonotaria citrea*), all other warblers do not show white undertail coverts and yellow underparts. These two species, however, have extensively yellow heads (except for perhaps first year female *P. citrea*) and lack any markings on the upperbreast.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): none heard

What is your prior experience with this and similarly-appearing species? I have seen two others in Colorado and several dozen in the east.

Light conditions: heavily overcast, light rain minutes before observation, light good but soft

Optical equipment used: Zeiss 7x42

Distance, and how estimated: closest at about 8 meters

Other observers who saw the bird with you: Gene Rutherford, Elena Thomas Faulkner

Other observers who saw the bird independently: n/a

If photographed, type of equipment and film: none

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List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: none

b) after observation: Dunn and Garrett, Warblers, in order to try to properly age and sex the bird. I also took the term supraloral from the book.

Reporting observer: Doug Faulkner

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Date report was written: 31 August 2003 from memory.