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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:** unknown**Plumage:** unknown**Locality:** south side of Barr Lake near first observation blind (before mile 1 marker)**Elevation:** ~5,000 feet**Nearest town:** Brighton**County:** Adams**Time observed:** ~11 AM**Duration of observation:** several minutes

Description: Generally a yellow and gray warbler actively foraging low in willows. The underparts were bright lemon yellow, except for the undertail coverts which were pure white and dull blackish streaking that formed a complete 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. The lack of black on the head, I think, suggests that this bird was an immature; however, I am not completely sure that adult female can be ruled out by this description. The breastband was obviously more pronounced and darker on this individual than on the previous CAWA seen that morning near the banding station (documentation submitted), but was not the bold black of an adult male.

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 (not including the female also reported on this day) and several dozen in the east.

Light conditions: heavy clouds, sun behind and high

Optical equipment used: Zeiss 7x42

Distance, and how estimated: closest at about 10 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

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.

Reporting observer: Doug Faulkner

Signature:



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Date report was written: 31 August 2003 from memory.