

Oporornis formosus - - - - KENTUCKY WARBLER

The Official Records Committee has reviewed written documentation submitted to support the sighting of one male Kentucky Warbler in full breeding plumage from Bluebell Canyon (Birders' "Chautauqua Gully") in Boulder County. The report was submitted by Miss Louise Hering of Boulder and covered observations on May 31, June 7 and June 21, 1963. Based upon the data provided by Miss Hering, the Committee has voted to accept this record and add the Kentucky Warbler to the Official State List of the Birds of Colorado.

From her field notes, Miss Hering reported to the Committee as follows:

"Olive green back; dark crown, all yellow breast and throat, a bright yellow face with a thin black line through the eye and making a stripe on the side of the face; yellow under tail; under the tail shows dark at the end." (Miss Hering then provided a crude sketch of her bird).

"Stayed in denser part of gully; sang from bushes; threw head back and sang loud, chanting."

"Seemed to like denser part of gully perched on medium bushes to sing."

"The first observation was brief. The bird was hard to see, but I was impressed by the song and knew I had something unusual for this area."

"The second observation was the best (June 7). I spent at least half an hour watching the bird in good light and had an excellent study of the bird."

"The third observation is just a notation - Kentucky Warbler again (in gully)."

Chairman's Comment: Miss Hering's record of the Kentucky Warbler is the first for Colorado and her detailed report convinced the Committee to vote for acceptance. All Colorado observers are urged to follow Miss Hering's example when submitting documentation for rare or unusual as well as new species from within the state. Incidentally, the Committee is currently reviewing two subsequent reports of Kentucky Warblers in Colorado. The Committee's findings on these reports will be published shortly.

December 7, 1973

Jack Riddall

CHAIRMAN

CFO Official Records Committee

SIGHT REPORT: DOCUMENTATION FOR COLORADO STATE BIRD LIST CONSIDERATION

N-52-20

accepted
JR 11/3/73

Species: KENTUCKY WARBLER | Oporornis formosus
 (Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name-use binomial)
 Date: May 31, June 7 & 21 Time Bird Seen: Approx 8:00 to 8:30 A.M. 6-7-63
 1963
 Locality: Bluebell Canyon, south of Chautauqua, Boulder (Birders' "Chautauqua Gully")

Nearest Town: Boulder County: Boulder

Observers who independently identified this bird:

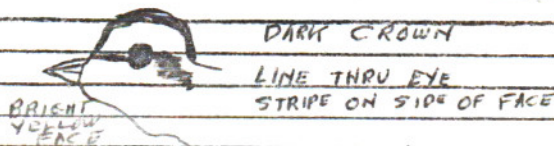
NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
<u>Miss Louise Hering</u>	<u>568 Marine Boulder Colo 80302</u>	<u>442-7059</u>

Optical Equipment: 7 x 35 binoculars Distance (observer to bird): 100 feet
 Light Conditions: Bright sun on 6-7-63. Sun at my back, full on bird.
 Previous Experience With Bird: I have a record of hearing 3 in Blacklick Woods, Ohio, on May 7, 1955. I do not think I remembered the song, however, from this previous experience.

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: male Plumage: Full breeding plumage
 Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in specific detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics. Include only what was actually seen in the field):

From my notes only: "Olive green back; dark crown, all yellow breast and throat, a bright yellow face with a thin black line through the eye and making a stripe on side of face; yellow under tail; under the tail shows a dark end of tail"

I have crude sketch in notes:



Description of Voice (if heard): "Loud, chanting"

Description of Behavior: Stayed in denser part of gully; sang from bushes, "threw head back and sang"

Habitat - General: Bushy part of gully; perched on medium bushes to sing.
Seemed to like denser part of gully.

Specific: _____

Date Prepared: December 4, 1972

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(Signature)

Miss Louise Hering

(Use the reverse, or additional pages, if necessary)

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Also from notes:

The first observation was brief; the bird was hard to see, but I was impressed by the song and knew I had something unusual for this area.

The second observation (June 7) was the best; I spent at least half an hour watching the bird in good light and had an excellent study of the bird.

The third observation is just a notation "8 A.M. H K.W. again" (in gully)

I used my bird records to check out the song. I cannot tell you which record(s) I played at that time.