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1. Kentucky warbler-Oporornis formosus 2. 1
3. Five miles east of Pueblo, on the Arkansas River.
4. May 7, 1973 5. 11:15AM to 1:30PM (banded at 1:20)
6. While setting up a mist net near a small pond in a fairly heavy underbrushed area, I saw a yellow colored warbler hopping along the ground near the pond. My first impression was that the bird was a female yellowthroat. I then saw the head better and observed the black mustache. I then knew what I was looking at. A Kentucky warbler. I had seen them at very close range in Springfield, Illinois in June 1970. I knew the bird was rare so I then went back to my car to get all the field marks. When I returned the bird was still where I had observed it first. I then noted the yellow from the throat down to the under tail coverts. The legs were very pink and the feet were a little on the red side. The yellow eye ring was there but not totally definite. I then tried to flush the bird into the net for about a half an hour. I lost the bird and couldn't find it for about an hour. At around 1:00 PM I saw the bird near my car. I tried to get close to it, so I could get a picture. I then flushed it toward my net and I lost it again. At 1:20 I was checking my nets and found the warbler in it. I then took it to my car. Then I banded it #1310-61210, photographed it and let go.
7. no voice heard
8. Behavior: The bird was hopping and probing in the underbrush near the pond.
9. Habitat: Gen.-Marshy pond
Spec.- Cattail, Russian olives, Cottonwoods and Tamarisk along a small pond
10. Similar species: The other 3 Oporornis warblers- black heads in both sexes.
yellowthroat-male-black mask and whitish belly. female-whitish belly.
hooded warbler-male-black throat; Female-no mustache(black)
Wilson's warbler-no black on cheeks(head)
Canada warbler-black on breast and dark back.
11. distance: In hand.
12. 3x35 Binoculars before I caught it.
13. light: Sunny day, directly on bird when I photographed it.
14. I observed two of both sexes in Springfield, Illinois in June 1970.
15. I knew the bird was the first area record but I wasn't sure about the State.

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16. No others observed the bird.
17. Others did agree with my record.
18. No other observers.
19. I used Birds of N. America to refreshen my memory.
20. I used my Pentax Spotmatic 35mm at 1/125 and f11 I was using a 50mm lens.

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May 8, 1973

2510 Elizabeth
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Dear Jack,

Well, it seems as if I lucked out again. The Kentucky warbler was the first warbler that I banded. I'll send you copies of the photographs as soon as I get them back. I would like to know if it is the first state record or what. Dave Griffiths said the other sight records were questionable. Please let me know so I can send a photo to either Dave Lupton or to American Birds for the records. That way I'll have the states status on this species.

If you are interested in coming down for the Pueblo count let me know. You can stay here at my house on Friday night. I will be taking CF&I Lakes, Huerfano Res., the place where I saw the Kentucky warbler and east to Lake Meredith & Lake Henry and to try for the curve-billed thrashers.

On Friday I am doing a Big Day count for ABA. I am going to call for owls and poor-wills at night and bird from Lake Isabel to Rye and then to Burat Will Rd. for black phoebes. From there to CF&I Lakes and then east to Huerfano Res. and the Olson Rd Grove. Then onward to Lake Cheraw and the Rocky Ford State Wildlife area. If time permits I'll go north to Lake Henry and Meredith. I figure I can get 130 species with any luck.

Well, I hope to see you soon. Good birding.

Sincerely,

Don Turner