

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Kentucky Warbler (*Geothlypis trichas*)
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 15 May 1983Number of birds seen: 1 adult Sex: unknown (male?) Plumage: adultLocality: Boulder Creek on C.O. campus, below Silver Lake Elevation: Nearest town: in Boulder County: BoulderTime(s) observed: late afternoon?Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): time very brief; 5-10 sec.

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

There was one other person there who saw it but I did not know who. Susan Ward? (No one saw it at the same moment I did)

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Overcast but relatively bright.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 8x40 Bushnell BinocularsDistance, and how measured: 10-15 feet; estimateIf photographed, type of equipment and film: Who else photographed the bird?

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

Typically CHORONIS, in that it was very secretive, keeping low and concealed. Moved quickly through underbrush.

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observe in the field:

Song: Slightly larger than a yellow warbler (*Dendrica petechia*).Plumage: head: crown was olive, forehead was black except directly above bill. It had a black face mask that extended part way down side of neck. It also had a bright yellow spectacle around eye. Underparts: throat, breast, belly and undertail coverts were completely yellow.

Description (continued):

Back, wings and tail: uniform olive in color.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): No call given.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

Flew from creek side into underbrush, species unknown. Canopy of Willow, Cottonwood and other deciduous trees.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

My first impression was Common Yellowthroat (Geothlypis trichas), but quickly eliminated by yellow-casual appearance, and yellow-spectacle.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

No experience with Kentucky but extensive with Yellowthroats.

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

- a) at time of observation: Immediately recognized it as this species, without field guide.
- b) after observation: later consulted Peterson and Robin

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation ☒ from memory _____

Date and time report was written: 15 May 1983, this night

Reporting observer: Doug Ward

Signature: Doug Ward

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