

APPENDIX II

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DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS
FOR
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDSSpecies: Kentucky Warbler; Oporornis formosus
(Vernacular name) (Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students -- those studying occurrences 50 years from now -- must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Dates (s): August 28, 1983 Time Bird Seen: 8:25 AM to 8:30 AMLocality: 4 miles east of Rye, Colorado in
Pueblo County

Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: 6x30 & 7x50 Binoculars

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: Breeding but starting to moltLight conditions: GoodDistance from bird, and how measured: 25 feet estimated

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

Remained close to the ground moving through dense growth.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

Dense brush and low growing willowsOther observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address): Mel Hull, Box 326, Rye, Colorado 81069

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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough). Describe what you actually saw in the field.

A warbler size bird, $4\frac{1}{4}$ - $4\frac{3}{4}$ " Olive green above with no wing bars and solid yellow below including throat, breast, belly, and under tail coverts. A black ear patch, angular in shape, was observed running from the beak past the eye.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

Loud chips as it moved through the underbrush.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Molting male yellowthroats are dull yellow and whitish below whereas this bird was solid bright yellow from throat and breast to belly and under tail coverts.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

Silverman has observed this bird many times in Missouri. Both Hull & Silverman have observed many yellowthroats in all plumages.

This report was written from notes made during ✓ after ✓ observation; from memory _____.

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