

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

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Dates (s): 5/27-28/85 Time Bird Seen: 7:00am to 10:00amLocality : Bear Creek Nature Center 245 Bear Creek Road
Colorado Springs El Paso Colorado
Nearest town, county and state:Optical equipment: Binoculars Bushnell 7x50If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: 35mm Nikon FM-400mm LensNumber of birds seen: 1 Sex: M Plumage: AdultLight conditions: Very goodDistance from bird, and how measured: 10' Estimate. Too close to focus on.

Describe the bird's overall behavior: Singing while feeding. Seen mostly low in Scrub Oak. Moved around alot, but was easy to find thanks to his loud singing. He would let me get quite close.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird: Near the creek in the Deciduous trees. Mostly in Scrub Oak also Cottonwood and Elm trees.

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

Jo Anne Romero 313 E. Las Vegas St. Colo.Spgs. Colo.

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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.

Olive green above with no wing bars or marks on tail. Underparts all yellow. I noted his fairly good size but somewhat short tail. Long light legs. The black on crown stands out well against his back. Bright yellow line over eye starts at the bill and goes around and out the back of the eye. The black starts again below his dark eye and down the sides of throat. Dark typical Warbler bill.

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

When he sang from a perch he would throw his head back. A loud churry-churry-churry-churry-churry. Many times I heard these same five notes.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

C. Yellowthroat lacks the spectacles, has a white belly. Know song. Canada Warbler is gray above and has black streaks on breast. And has white undertail coverts.

Prior experience with this and similar species: No past experience with this species. I have spent many hours on Warblers over the past four years and know you have to get a good look at them to be sure of your identification. I was fortunate to get a long and good look at this beautiful Warbler.

This report was written from notes made during ____ after X observation; from memory ____.

Name (print) : David Romero

Mailing address: 313 East Las Vegas St. Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903

Signature: David Romero

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c/o Curator--Zoological Collections
Denver Museum of Natural History
City Park
Denver, CO 80205

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Dates (s): 5/28/85 Time Bird Seen: 7³⁰A to 8¹⁵ALocality: East Creek Park
Colo Spgs (El Paso) Colo
Nearest town, county and state:Optical equipment: 10X20 Minolta binocularsIf photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: N/ANumber of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: adult, breedingLight conditions: clear sky, sun to west backsDistance from bird, and how measured: 20 ft - 60 ft (est.)

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

Singing repeatedly on exposed perches - moving from one perch to another. 4 ft off ground to 30' off ground.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

Riparian - elm, green ash, meat creek

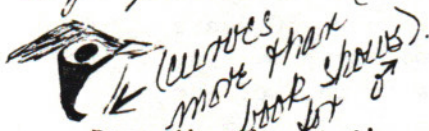
Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

Jim Watts - same address; David Blue - Colo Spgs;
David Romero - found bird & showed park;
some excellent photos!

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Medium-large warbler. Gray-green back, black eye with yellow spectacle, top of head black with gray "speckling". Lemon-yellow underparts, legs pinkish. No wing bars. Black mustache, curves toward chin some



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

Called repeatedly from perches (usually about 20' above ground)
Churry-churry song.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Didn't look like any other warbler

Prior experience with this and similar species:

First sighting.

This report was written from notes made during immediately after ☒ observation;
from memory ☐.

Name (print) : RALPH WATTS

Mailing address: 518 "A" ST PENROSE, COLO 81240

Signature: Ralph Watts

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Similar species elimination:

Canada Warbler has black necklace.

Grace's Warbler grey above with white wingbars and not completely yellow underneath.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

Have observed Grace's Warbler in California.

This report was written from notes made after observation.

Name: David V. Blue

Mailing address: 3145 Westcliff Dr. W.
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Signature: _____

David V. Blue

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THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDS

Species: Kentucky Warbler (*Oporornis formosus*)

Date: May 28, 1985 Time Bird Seen: 0800-0810

Locality: Bear Creek Regional Park
Colorado Springs, El Paso County

Optical equipment: Zeiss 10x40B GAT Dialyt

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Male Plumage: Adult

Light conditions: Excellent

Distance from bird: 10 meters (estimated)

Birds overall behavior:

Bird responded aggressively to taped call. It flew into sight, flitted from branch to branch, then perched on an exposed snag and sang numerous times.

Other observers:

Jim and Rosie Watts
Penrose, CO

Detailed Description:

A warbler sized bird with bright yellow underparts and dark green (olive) upperparts. Bright yellow eye-stripe and eye-ring on a black face. Black facial pattern curved down behind eye. Top of head had a scalloped pattern of black against the olive background.

Calls:

"Churry, churry, churry" identical to National Geographic tape of Kentucky Warbler.