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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Species: KENTUCKY WARBLER | OPORORNIS FORMOSUS
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): SATURDAY MAY 30th, 1987Number of birds seen: ONE Sex: MALE Plumage: BREEDINGLocality: BOULDER CREEK, CU, CAMPUS Elevation: 5400'Nearest town: BOULDER County: BOULDERTime(s) observed: ABOUT 8 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 2 BRIEF SIGHTINGS ~ 10 SEC EACH

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

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):

LIGHT GOOD, SUN SHINING BUT BIRD MOSTLY IN SHADE.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): BINOCULARS 10x40Distance, and how measured: 10 YDS, ESTIMATED.

If 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):

THIS BIRD WAS VERY SECRETIVE. I LOCATED IT MOSTLY BY SONG. I FOLLOWED IT AROUND FOR APPROX 1 HOUR 20 MINUTES, AND ONLY SAW IT WELL TWICE, EACH VERY BRIEFLY.

THE BIRD STAYED HIDDEN IN THE DENSE UNDERGROWTH THE REST OF THE TIME.

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:

THE TWO TIMES I SAW THIS BIRD WELL IT WAS SIDEWAYS TO ME THE FIRST TIME, AND LOOKING DIRECTLY AT ME THE SECOND. I OBSERVED DARK UPPER PARTS (NOT BLACK) WITH NO WINGBARS AND BRIGHT YELLOW COMPLETELY BELOW. THE MOST NOTICEABLE FEATURE OF

Description (continued):

THE FACE: WAS THE BLACK LINE BELOW THE EYE SEPARATING THE DARK ABOVE FROM THE YELLOW BELOW. THIS BLACK ON THE SIDE OF THE NECK WAS QUITE EXTENSIVE SHOWING VISUALLY THE BIRD WAS A MALE. THE BIRD HAD A NOTICEABLE YELLOW SUPERCILIARY STRIPE, AND A BLACK HEAD. THE TAIL & LEGS WERE NOT WELL OBSERVED. THE BIRD HAD A THIN BILL AND WAS ABOUT 5 INCHES LONG - THE SHAPE AND BEHAVIOR CLEARLY WAS OF A WARBLER.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

THE BIRD SANG REGULARLY FOR THE ENTIRE TIME I FOLLOWED IT. I WAS FIRST ATTRACTED TO IT BECAUSE OF THE SONG I DIDN'T KNOW. THE SONG WAS A SERIES OF FOUR FAIRLY LONG NOTES, WHICH WERE QUITE MUSICAL.

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

HEAVY UNDERGROWTH AND BUSHES, THE BIRD DID NOT SING FROM THE TOP OF BUSHES.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

NO OTHER WARBLER THAT IS YELLOW BELOW AND OLIVE ABOVE HAS THIS FACE PATTERN. MACGILLIVRAY'S, MORNING & LOWNELIGHT HAVE DARK (NOT YELLOW) THROATS & UPPER CHESTS. WILSON'S HAS YELLOW FACE, HOODED HAS BLACK HOOD & CHIN, YELLOWTHROAT HAS BLACK MASK. PROTHOMOTARY HAS YELLOW HEAD, AS DOES BLUE-WINGED, AND YELLOW WARBLERS.

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

I HAVE SEEN KENTUCKY WARBLER ONCE BEFORE IN COLORADO, AND SEVERAL OTHER TIMES IN THE US. AND CENTRAL AMERICA. I SAW MANY OF THEM (APPROX 25-30) ON A RECENT TRIP TO HIGH ISLAND, TEXAS IN APRIL 1987.

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

a) at time of observation: NONE

b) after observation: NONE

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____ from memory ☒
Date and time report was written: SUNDAY MAY 31st 1987

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