

## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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

Species: Kentucky Warbler | Oporornis formosus  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date: May 9, 1991Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Female? Plumage: AdultLocality: Lake Henry Elevation: 4375'Nearest town: Ordway County: CrowleyTime observed: 10:05 - 10:10 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 5 minutes

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

None

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

None

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

Bright sunlight and I had to look diagonally toward the sun most of the timeOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 8X binocularsDistance, and how measured: 150 → 25 feet estimatedIf photographed, type of equipment and film: NoWho else photographed the bird? —

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

The bird was leisurely moving through some willows about 10 feet off the ground.

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:

A medium-sized warbler with solid yellow underparts. The black mustache and yellow around the eye were the most conspicuous field marks. The back was pale olive-brown with no wing bars (intermediate in color between the National Geographic & Golden illustrations). Although the top of the head was slightly darker than the back, I did not notice any light speckles as shown in National Geographic.

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Description (continued):

I would have to be critical of the National Geographic female illustration. I really saw a small tongue of black coming down into the edge of the throat on upper breast as shown in the Golden Guide.

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

No sound.

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

The bird was in the migrant-trap woodplot on the NW edge of Lake Henry. I saw several Palmar-rumps, a Chestnut-sided, and a Townsend's Warbler. It was in the willows on the edge of the lake near a wet depression.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

An immature-male Hooded Warbler has a large yellow area on the forehead. This bird had a black forehead. A Canada Warbler has black streaking on the upper breast. This bird had no streaking. A Canada Warbler also has a complete yellow eye-ring. This bird had a yellow eye-line above the eye.

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

I have seen several Kentucky Warblers in SE US and 1 in Colorado. I have seen several Hooded & Canada Warblers in US & Canada.

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

a) at time of observation: None

b) after observation: National Geographic and Golden Guide  
Birds of North America

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