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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): Thurs. May 19, 1994Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: M Plumage: BreedingLocality: Castlewood Canyon St. Park - Elevation: 6100'
Homestead TrailNearest town: Franktown County: DouglasTime(s) observed: Heard at 0835; in view at 0845 to 0910.; also 1030-1035Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 1st observ. - 25 min; 2nd observ. - 5 min

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

Bird seen again at 1030 with J. B. HAYES
1517 W. Briarwood Ave.
Littleton, Co. 80120 798-968

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

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Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light): Full sun from behind me. Bird perched, singing, on outer branch 8' high.2nd observ: In shade, low in bush then partial sun on edge of bush
Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Binoc - Swarovski 8x56Distance, and how measured: 25' then 30' to focus scope - stopped off.
Scope - Kowa - TSN 4 20-60 zoom @ 40xIf 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): [1st observ] Bird had been movi.
from bush to scrub oak bush, hidden but singing, as joggers + dogs passe
by. Came out into open, in full view, on side of 25' high bush at 14' less
Wind 0 to 4 mph. Calling 20-30 sec. Perched in same spot until left
bush of joggers ran by. [2nd observ.] Calling low in bushes in same area
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 observed in the field:Small, warbler size + shape (5-5 1/2") all underparts, from
chin to undertail coverts bright yellow. Upperparts, olive-
green with black feathering from forehead across
crown, yellow lores extending over + behind dark eye, curving
below eye midway. Yellow from throat extending onto
cheek. Black upper cheek to behind eye + along neck
1/2" dark brown.Vireo
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Description (continued):

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Legs very pink in sun light. Small, pointed dark bill.

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

"Choo-nee", "choo-nee", "choo-nee" repeated 6-7 x from perch
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) - (7)

every 20-30 sec. Second note higher. Several Rufous-sided Towhees also calling enthusiastically nearby.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: Open meadows become a

Tall scrub oak "trees" densely clustered, but surrounded by open ^{sometimes} sparse grass/cactus meadows. Small stream nearby with taller cottonwood trees, willows, + ponderosa pine in the vicinity. Ravine becomes a narrow canyon as it extends to the SE.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

yellow spectacles with black cheek patch and song distinctive.

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

none in Colo., but saw several Kentucky Warblers during "fallout" along Gulf Coast of Texas 4/93.

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

a) at time of observation: Nat. Geo "Field Guide to N. Am. Birds" - confirmed I.D.

b) ^{Before} ~~after~~ observation: I knew bird had been found there and listen to Cornell Lab tape before searching area.

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

Date and time report was written: May 30, 1994 4pm.

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