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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): June 11, 1996 (also seen 6/12/96)Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: M Plumage: AdultLocality: Rocky Mountain National Park Elevation: XXXX'Nearest town: Estes Park County: LarimerTime(s) observed: 8:00am-8:30am (6/11); 8:10am-8:15am (6/12)Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 30 min.; 5 minOther observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers): none~~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): unknown
BILL LISOWSKY 2919 SILVERPINE DR FT COLLINS 225-6527JOHN BARBER 1700 CLEARVIEW COURT FT COLLINS CODAVE LEATHERMAN 612 STOVER ST FT COLLINSLight conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light): Open shade to sunlit
conditions; both frontlit and backlit viewsVariable - open shade, shade, & sunlight (frontlit, side lit, & backlit)Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10X42 B/L Elite BinocularsDistance, and how measured: 18 feet at closest; estimatedIf photographed, type of equipment and film: No photosWho else photographed the bird? UnknownDescribe the birds behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying): Initially seen feeding in
underbrush; later song regularly from perches 5-20 feet above 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 observed in the
field: 5 inches or so in length; larger than Wilson's, closer to MacGillivray's (though neither
available for direct comparison); slender body and bill (latter appeared black); underparts
bright yellow from throat to undertail coverts; legs pinkish;over

Description (continued): upperparts olive-green (strongest on back and rump); wings & tail also olive green but were shaded or two darker; hindneck olive-green but gradually shaded into black at mid crown; wings plain (no wingbars); head pattern: forehead to mid-crown black; face black, except for prominent yellow spectacles; black on sides of face extended & tapered down to spot on either side of throat.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): Song was given from a perch, usually three syllables, reminiscent of Carolina Wren

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: mixed conifer and aspen; bird preferred wet aspen thickets or groves.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Other *Oporornis* warblers are eliminated by vocalizations and lack yellow spectacles (Mourning no eye-ring (in spring)); Connecticut (complete white eye-rings); Mac Gillivray's (broken white-eye-rings).

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? This species is a common summer resident in the section (extreme southwestern corner) of Arkansas where I have birded for 25 years.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification: It was not necessary to consult the guides listed below to assist my identification. However, as a birder ~~was~~ more familiar with eastern species, consulting these references to refresh my memory regarding western species which might be confused with Kentucky Warbler was helpful.

a) at time of observation: _____

b) after observation: Peterson's Western & Nat'l Geographic Field Guides

This report was written from reports made during _____ after observation XX from memory _____

Date and time report was written: June 12, 1996

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