

rec'd 6-11-98 ✓COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGHT RECORD FORMACCEPTED (7-0)

RESULTS: _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS AND ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY.

SPECIES: Kentucky Warbler Opornis formosus
(COMMON NAME) (SCIENTIFIC NAME)DATE(S) OF OCCURRENCE: 6-7-98NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: One SEX: Male PLUMAGE: BreedingEXACT LOCATION: Gregory Canyon & Amphitheater & Bluebird Trails, Boulder ^{MTN} Parks Boulder ColoradoCOUNTY: Boulder NEAREST TOWN: Boulder ELEVATION: _____LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: on/off 45 min TIMES(S) OF OBSERVATION: 7:15 am - 8:00 am

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S):

DAVE QUESENBERY - 796-7603 Englewood COKen & Carol ? Boulder CoWARREN Finch

LIGHT CONDITIONS [QUALITY; DIRECTION RELATIVE TO BIRD(S); POSITION]:

WEATHER - CLEAR - Temp - 50-60 °F, Wind - CALM - BIRD WAS SEEN multiple
TIMES BEST OBSERVATION WERE WITH SUN AT BACKOPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED: ZISS 10x40DISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED): 10 FEET to 100 FEETWAS THE BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED: NO IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS? _____

WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? _____

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD(S) OCCURRED:

RIPARIAN AREA ALONG the CREEK in GREGORY CANYON - UNDER COVER - DENSE MIXED
with Willow & Pines, Fir & Spruce.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD'S BEHAVIOR (FLYING; FEEDING; HABITS; BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION):

THE BIRD WAS first located & identified by its loud song. (Chur-ry chur-ry chur-ry) Repeated often and loudly. I sang from pine TREES mainly but also willows & FIRS, approx. 20-40 feet ABOUT GROUND. Although it would fly from branch to branch it did not appear to be actively FEEDING it WAS MORE INTERESTED in singing. It would sing from one location on the OUTER BRANCHES for up to Ten minutes (Long enough to go get a spotting scope and still find the bird in the same place)

DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. INCLUDE OVERALL SIZE AND SHAPE, AND HOW YOU PLACED THE BIRD IN THE GENERAL GROUP THAT YOU DID. GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF PLUMAGE, INCLUDING HEAD, THROAT, UNDERSIDES, NAPE, BACK, WINGS, AND TAIL. GIVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO MARKS YOU USED TO IDENTIFY THE BIRD(S). DESCRIBE OTHER DETAILS, SUCH AS COLOR AND SHAPE OF BILL, LEGS, EYE, ETC. THAT WERE IMPORTANT IN MAKING THE IDENTIFICATION. (FILL OUT THIS PORTION EVEN IF PHOTOGRAPHS ARE SUBMITTED; YOU MAY ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, DRAWINGS, FIELD SKETCHES, OR COPY OF FIELD NOTES) :

Small Passerine

HEAD - BLACK & YELLOW general first impression - crown, forehead - Black
BACK & HEAD, NAPE - olive green brown, supercilium - yellow with
A "DOWN CURVED" "comma" behind the eye; Black ~~exterior~~ EYE STRIPE
from Bill through EYE THEN Fanning OUT to include the
EAR COVERTS ^{AND side of neck.} slightly broken by the yellow "comma" behind
the eye. The color changed to the olive green as it
ENTERED THE NAPE, Throat was yellow

Body - BREAST, Belly, undertail COVERTS - YELLOW NOT MARKED
BACK, Rump TAIL - BROWNISH olive GREEN

Wings - slightly darker olive green - UN MARKED

Tail - UN MARKED olive green

Soft PARTS - Bill - SLENDER, POINTED & BLACK EYES - BLACK
Legs - PALE

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM :

Common Yellowthroat - song - TENDS to have BLACK (dark) LORES, WHITE in VENT AREA
Hooded Warbler - song - HAS BLACK THROAT - (ONE WAS SEEN AT SAME TIME &)
Canada Warbler - song - BLK NECKLACE

WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES?
minimal experience with KEWA's, I have seen many Coye, Hohn & Cawth's

LIST BOOKS, GUIDES, RECORDINGS, OR OTHER SOURCES CONSULTED AND HOW THIS INFLUENCED YOUR IDENTIFICATION (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION) :

① BROS SONGS EASTERN & CENTRAL U.S. BEFORE

② NAT GEO BIRDS of NA 2nd - SCIENTIFIC NAME

③ PFG. WARBLERS - similar species. TAPED

THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM NOTES MADE DURING X OR AFTER _____
OBSERVATION, OR LATER FROM MEMORY _____.

DATE OF WRITTEN REPORT : 6-7-98

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Kentucky Warbler
Gregory Canyon, Boulder Co., CO
31 July 1998

rec'd 8-20-98 ✓

While I was birding along the road about 75 yds downstream of the Gregory Canyon parking lot at about 1000, I began shushing in hopes of determining whether a dark shape I had glimpsed in the dense vegetation was a Gray Catbird. At the same time that the catbird appeared, confirming my glimpse, I heard a rich, deep "chup" note from about 40' away in the vegetation hanging directly over the streambanks. After calling two more times, a male Kentucky Warbler popped up into view for about 20 seconds, called a couple of times, then fell silent and disappeared. The bird perched briefly in an open, sunlight spot in the vegetation, moved a couple of feet into an adjoining bush where it also perched conspicuously, before vanishing. It did not seem to be accompanying any other birds. I had unobstructed views of it from 40' through B&L 10x42 Elites. I took the following notes immediately after the observation, and long before consulting any books.

Pink legs. Uniform dark green upperparts, including crown and cheeks. Black "Kentucky" face pattern. Unmarked yellow underparts from chin to belly, undertail coverts not clearly seen. Dark eye. Dark warbler beak. Tends to perch horizontally with tail cocked up, wren-like. Very plump bodied. No direct size comparison, appeared somewhat smaller than Song Sparrow.

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Rarity Description