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CFO-RC FILE #: 2001-138 RESULTS: _____ OBSERVER: Coen Dexter

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

Species: Kentucky Warbler Oporornis formosus
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)

Date(s) of observation: 30 May 01 Number of birds seen: 1

Sex: M Plumage: Breeding

Exact location: San Miguel River two miles upriver from Uravan.

County: Montrose Near by town: Uravan Elevation: 5200 ft

Length of observation: 2 hours Times(s) of observation: 6:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Brenda Wright

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): -

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's position): Good - from all directions

Optical equipment used: 10x42 Swarovski

Distance from bird(s): 15-20 feet

Was bird photographed? No Were photos submitted? -

Who took the photographs? -

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: Riparian - San Miguel

River. Narrowleaf Cottonwoods - Old growth - Shrubs and larger
downed trees, leaf litter and willows

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the

species or in supporting the identification): The male was singing in the dense

brush then would go to the ground and feed for a few minutes then
return to the brush a few feet off the ground and return to singing.

Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include

overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird(s) 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. Describe other

details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the

identification. The bird was small-warbler size, black crown, yellow eyebrow

and spectacles, dark below eyes from bill to back of eye and down like sideburns

The upper parts were olive-green. The under parts were bright yellow including

the throat and chin. The legs were pink. We could get real close to

its singing perch and see all field marks clearly. I had never

seen a Kentucky warbler in Colorado. The tail lack tail spots.

Bill was dark and decurved slightly.

Describe bird's call: The call was very loud and awoke me at day break. We

had camped nearby. I did not know the song but thought it might be an Ovenbird or Carolina

Wren which I have heard.

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: Common yellowthroat: they have a very different song, lack yellow eyebrow, and have gray belly.

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

Kentucky warblers in Missouri, Jun 1990. Common yellowthroats

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your

identification: we used Peterson's Tape and most common

field guides to confirm our sighting.

This report was made from notes made during X or after X observation, or later

from memory X. Date of written report: 25 Nov 01 Signature: Coen Dexter

Hooded warblers have a complete black hood. We just saw

several in Texas in Apr 2001.

are common in our area.