

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

(Please print or type. Attach photographs, drawings, and additional pages if necessary.)

CFO-RC FILE #: 2003-34
RESULTS:

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rec'd 5/18/03

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

Date(s) of observation: 5/15/03

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: male Plumage: Breeding plumage

Exact location: Fountain Creek Nature Center, between South Rice Pond and Cattail Marsh

County: El Paso Nearest town: Fountain Elevation: ? 4500 Feet?

Length of observation: 3 to 5 min's Times(s) of observation: 7-8 times in tree (lower) then

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: 4-5 glimpses of bird when he moved to dense undergrowth. none

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): do not know

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's position): good lighting for most part. Bird was seen in shady part of tree (lower part of apple tree) also. light from south
Optical equipment used: Bushnell binoculars, 10x50 WA

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 25 to 30 feet. (Estimated)

Was bird photographed?: No If so, have you submitted photographs? —

Who took the photographs? —

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: Near water (ponds). First seen in lower part of tree (apple tree) then bird moved to dense undergrowth where only glimpses of the bird occurred (4-5x)

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification): Feeding in lower part of apple tree; was seen in the open part of tree (where there was minimal foliage, nearer trunk)

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. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes):

size: warbler size (~5 1/2 inches). Color: yellow below; brown/green above; black cap; black on side of throat with black extending forward toward upper chest.
Describe bird's call or song: most obvious: large yellow supercilium from upper mandible, to above eye and hooking behind and below eye.
5-6 even notes.

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

At first glimpse, I thought Common Yellowthroats as there were COYT's in area. Upon further viewing, noticed characteristics as described above. Song very distinct.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?
I had never seen a Kentucky warbler before. I am very familiar with C. Yellowthroats and other warblers seen at FENC.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):
National Geographic Field Guide (4th ed.) (Sibley's & Kaufman's guides were consulted after returning to the building)

This report was made from notes made during ☒ or after ☐ observation, or later from memory ☐
wrote notes when bird had moved to dense undergrowth.

Date of written report: 5-15-03

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