

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form
(Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)

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CBRC FILE #: 2004-76

RESULTS:

Species: **Kentucky Warbler**

Scientific Name: **Oporornis formosus**

Date(s) of occurrence: **May 1, 2004**

Number of birds seen: **1**

Sex: **male**

Plumage: **(adult)**

Exact location: **SW corner of Ft. Lyon State Wildlife easement, along the ditch in the area around the ruins of an old chimney**

County: **Bent**

Nearest town: **Fort Lyon**

Elevation: **?**

Length of observation: **10 minutes**

Time(s) of observation: **3:30 PM**

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: **Peter Gent**

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): **Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Paul Differding (sp?), Gene and Wendi Rutherford, Brandon Percival (I think), and possibly others.**

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: **It was a sunny day, but we were within the grove of trees. The bird was mostly to the south of us while we were looking at it. Light was good.**

Optical equipment used: **Pentax 8x42 binoculars**

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): **15 feet at closest approach**

Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? **not by me**

If so, are you submitting photos?

Who took the photograph(s)?

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: **Fairly open deciduous woodland along a dry ditch, with various brush piles and debris on the ground.**

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: **The bird was foraging actively in leaf litter and in debris, usually less than 1 foot off the ground.**

DESCRIPTION – **A chunky warbler, all bright yellow underneath, shading into a solid pale green above. Gray cap, with forward part and sides black, giving way to black scaling on top within a few millimeters of the bill. Bill long, straight, medium thin; legs pink. Auriculars black; black extends back onto neck and curls down and forward slightly. Thin bright yellow supercilium superimposed on this black; yellow also curls down and forward slightly just behind the eye.**

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: **Bird was silent.**

SIMILAR SPECIES – **No confusion was possible given the extended unobstructed views we got.**

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? **This was only my fourth Kentucky Warbler. I have far more experience with most of the other birds in the genus and in the family.**

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation): **I consulted Sibley today to check the veracity of my field notes and found them to be in line with the illustration of the adult male, given the extent of black on the face as I recall it. At the time of our sighting, Peter Gent agreed that it was a male.**

This report was made from (check one) ☐ notes made during observation ☒ notes made after observation ☐ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: **May 5, 2004**

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