

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: CAPE MAY WARBLER | Dendroica tigrina 2. Number: 1 Male  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: Side yard of my home 756-18th St. Boulder, Colo.
4. Date(s): May 2, 1973 5. Time bird seen: 12 Noon to 12:05 PM
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):  
About 5 inches; yellowish green above; white patch on wing; Rufous patch on cheek narrowly embracing the eye; yellow rump; streaked yellow, black & white underneath & tail - very narrow streaks; bill dark & shaped like warbler bill.
7. Description of voice, if heard: not heard
8. Description of behavior: Sitting feeder in alpine tree with 2 male English sparrows & was pushed off. Dived above, flew to lilac bushes (away?)
9. Habitat--general: side yard  
specific: around a feeder hanging in alpine tree & in lilac bushes
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:  
Obviously a warbler so only other warblers eliminated. It was the only bird and only warbler with rufous patch on cheek & everything else
11. Distance (how measured?): 20 to 35 feet - my side yard is 40 feet wide approx.
12. Optical equipment: Naked eye & 8x40 binoculars.
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):  
Sunny day, sun almost overhead, a little to the south. I
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: I've seen lots of warblers, in the yard & in the field; never a Cape May
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? warbler before  
Because the Pictorial Checklist of Colo. Birds lists only 2 sightings
16. Other observers: in Colo.  
name
17. Did others agree with your identification?
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: Bailey and Niedrach: Pictorial Checklist of Colorado Birds  
A Golden Field Guide: Birds of North America  
Peterson: A Field Guide to Western Birds
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

Honeywood P. Carter Street Address: 756-18th St.  
Signature  
Date Prepared: May 4, 1973 City and State: Boulder Colo., 80302

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"returned to tree; tried to light on the fuder & <sup>was</sup> pushed  
off again. Repeated the whole process a second time  
and then flew away.

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(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: Univ of Colorado campus
4. Date(s): May 3 1973 5. Time bird seen: 1:30 to 1:35
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
- The bird was obviously a warbler and was seen in the company of Audubon + Myrtle warblers. It appeared yellow. with the unaided eye - close examination revealed the orange cheek patch. The bird was distinctive, incl. the large white wing patch.
7. Description of voice, if heard: —
8. Description of behavior: feeding on outer limbs of elms
9. Habitat--general: large deciduous trees, open understory  
specific:
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
11. Distance (how measured?): 50 ft estimated
12. Optical equipment: 7X35 binoculars
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):  
clear sky, good lighting on bird
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:  
see in Ohio
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? Personal knowledge
16. Other observers: none
17. Did others agree with your identification? —
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: Steve Larson  
H.P. Carter
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation:
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:
- Allen B. Cushman Street Address: 1300 30th B4-14  
Signature  
Date Prepared: May 8 1973 City and State: Boulder Colo

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accepted 12/9/73

1. Species: Cape May Warbler Dendroica tigrina 2. Number: 18  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: UNIVERSITY OF COLO CAMPUS BOULDER COLO
4. Date(s): 5-7-73 5. Time bird seen: 10:30 to 10:40
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):  
 SIZE: ABOUT 4 1/2 INCHES  
 COLOR: YELLOW UNDERPARTS STREAKED WITH BLACK, DISTINCT WHITE WING PATCH, YELLOW RUMP, GREENISH BACK, CHESTNUT PATCH ON CHEEK JUST COMING TO EYE, WHITE UNDERTAIL COVERTS.  
 SHAPE: TYPICAL OF PARULIDAE - THIN, SHARP BILL SMALL SIZE.
7. Description of voice, if heard:  
 NOT HEARD
8. Description of behavior:  
 TYPICAL "NERVOUSNESS" OF WARBLERS, GLEANING INSECTS FROM BUSHES IN AREA
9. Habitat--general: MIXED  
 specific: MAPLES, WILLOW, COTTONWOOD, CONIFERS, BUSHES, LAWN
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:  
 NO OTHER SPRING WARBLERS HAVE THE ABOVE ~~NO~~ COLOR CHARACTERS, IN PARTICULAR THE CHESTNUT PATCH ON CHEEK.
11. Distance (how measured?): 10 TO 20 FEET EST.
12. Optical equipment: 7 x 35 BINOC.
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):  
 CLEAR SKY - SUN FROM BEHIND OBSERVER
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:  
 NONE
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?  
 LIT. ON COLO BIRDS
16. Other observers:
17. Did others agree with your identification?
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:  
ALLEN B. CROCKETT H.P. CARTER
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation:
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

Signature

Street Address: 410 S. 43

Date Prepared: 5-8-73

City and State: BOULDER COLO 80303

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