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Species: CAPE MAY WARBLER

Dendroica tigrina

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 11, 1976

Time Bird Seen: 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Locality: Boulder Creek on University of Colorado campus (not seen continuously)

Nearest Town: Boulder

County: Boulder

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

Steve Larson
NAME

Barry Knapp

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Bruce Webb

John and Joyce Cooper

Optical Equipment: 10 X 50 binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used:

Light Conditions: Sunny

Distance from bird (how measured): Minimum estimated distance: 30 feet.

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: Male Plumage: Adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

The bird was very actively feeding, mostly at middle and high elevations of willows, cottonwoods and pines, sometimes spending several minutes in one tree and somewhat less than a minute in one tree, often flying several hundred yards from one tree to another. Very active and nervous (typically *Dendroica*). Frequently singing.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

A typical *Dendroica* warbler, fairly slim, with a short, thin bill and fairly thin, moderate length tail. Crown black. Nape and back dark greenish, with numerous short black streaks. Wings blackish, with a large white wing patch. Rump yellowish. Upper side of tail not seen, underside mostly white. ~~Entire~~ underparts yellow, with numerous black streaks starting on throat, going on breast and extending down sides and flanks, but not onto belly. Chestnut patch on auricular area. Eyes black.

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

No calls heard. Song rather short, very high pitched series of 'seet' notes, very thin and colorless.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Riparian growth of native and exotic trees and shrubs.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Combination of chestnut ear patch, yellow underparts with black streaks and white wing patch effectively eliminates all other species. Only species which vaguely resembles it is Magnolia, but it has black cheeks, black(not green)back and white line around eye and is easily differentiated.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

Saw Cape May several times in Michigan in 1970(including a male). My only Colorado observations is of a female at Two Buttes Res. May 3, 1975.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?
None.

This report was written from notes made during _____ after X observation; from memory _____

PRINT NAME: Robert Andrews SIGNATURE: Robert Andrews DATE: May 18, 1976
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Species: CAPE MAY WARBLER

Dendroica tigrina

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 12, 1976

Time Bird Seen: 7:05 A.M. to 7:30 A.M. -MDT

Locality: University of Colorado Campus along Boulder Creek just below Folsom Field.

Nearest Town: Boulder

County: Boulder

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Robert Andrews, Michael Moulton, Pete Moulton and many other observers.

Optical Equipment: 10X50 Bushnell Binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used:

Light Conditions: Sunlight directly on bird

Distance from bird (how measured): 50 feet to 75 feet.

Number of Birds Seen: One Sex: Male Plumage: Breeding adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

Busily feeding in large Spruce tree when first observed. Crept along outer branches searching for food. Sang constantly. Later observed moving slowly through the top of a large cottonwood.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

Typical warbler shape. Thin, pointed dark bill. Eye dark. Loes yellow. Chin yellow. Bright yellow throat, breast belly and flanks boldly streaked with dark markings. Prominent bright yellow ear patch. Face and cheek patch of rich chestnut. Wings dark with large prominent white patch. Top of head dark brown. Nape and back dark olive green streaked with black. Rump yellow. Tail dark. Legs dark.

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

High pitched "seet, seet, seet, seet" delivered constantly as it probed through the branches in search of food.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Riparian woodlands bordered with plantings of native firs and spruce and other conifers.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Can hardly be confused with any other species of warbler. Blackburnian is black and white with reds and oranges. Townsend's Warbler lacks chestnut face patch and white wing patch and yellow rump patch. Magnolia Warbler has yellow underparts with dark streaking and a yellow rump, but lacks chestnut face patch and has large white spots in the tail. Prairie Warbler also lacks chestnut face patch and yellow rump, flicks tail and has buzzy song sliding down scale.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

Have seen many Cape May Warblers over the years in Illinois and New York state. This was my first for Colorado.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

Standard Field Guides substantiated sighting.

This report was written from notes made during x after observation; from memory

PRINT NAME: Jack Reddall SIGNATURE: Jack Reddall DATE: 5-15-1976
Street Address: 4450 South Alton Street Town and State: Englewood, Colorado ZIP: 80110

Return to: JACK REDDALL - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110

Species: Cape May Warbler (Vernacular Name) Dendroica tigrina (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 12, 1976 Time Bird Seen: 7:45 am to 9 am ~~(3:00)~~

Locality: Boulder Creek behind CU campus seen 3 or 4 periods during this time

Nearest Town: Boulder County: Boulder

Other observers who identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>Steve Larson</u>	<u>Mapleton, Boulder, CO</u>	<u>442-3752</u>
<u>Bruce Bosley</u>	<u>17th & Grove St, Boulder, CO</u>	<u>443-4629</u>
<u>Freeman Hall</u>	<u>712 Paragon, Boulder, CO</u>	<u>499-9925</u>

Optical Equipment: Nikon binoculars 8x30

Light Conditions: excellent, full sun

Distance from Bird (how measured): estimated 20'

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: adult breeding

Overall Appearance and Size: brilliant warbler, about 4" long

Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field):

Bill (shape and color): black, parulid

Legs (shape and color):

Crown and Forehead: olive-gray crown, yellow lores

Eye (color): black

Nape: gray-olive, flecked black

Face: vivid red/brown cheek

Throat: yellow

Breast and Sides: yellow streaked with black patch against yellow

Belly and Flanks: yellow

Undertail Coverts: white

Back: olive with large black flecks

Wings: large white wing patch

Underwings:

Rump:

Uppertail Coverts:

Upper Side of Tail:

Under Side of Tail:

Shape of Tail:

Voice: singing - loud, high pitch, thin

Behavior: singing from both conifers & tops of tall willows along creek; not feeding but
singing continuously

Habitat: deciduous-conifer at stream

Prior Experience with this Species: observations in Florida

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? No other warbler has the extremely
vivid chestnut cheek patch combined with large white wing patch and
yellow breast with black streaking.

This Report was written From: Notes made during after ☒ observation; Memory ☐

Signed: Narcis Schor

Street Address: 4475 N. Broadway #11

Date Prepared: July 7, 1976

Town and State Boulder, CO

ZIP 80302

Species: CAPE MAY WARBLER

DENDROICA TIGRINA

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): 11 MAY, 1976

Time Bird Seen: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Locality: UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO CAMPUS

Nearest Town: BOULDER

County: BOULDER

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>MIKE MOULTON</u>	<u>1328 SO. COFFMAN, LONGMONT</u>	<u>772-0285</u>
<u>BRUCE BOSLEY</u>	<u>1704 GROVE ST, BOULDER</u>	<u>444-6477</u>
<u>BRUCE WEBB</u>	<u>21 CHAUTAUQUA, BOULDER</u>	<u>447-2614</u>

Optical Equipment: 7X35 BINOCULARS

If photographed, type of equipment used: 35mm; 400mm LENS

Light Conditions: EXCELLENT

Distance from bird (how measured): 35 FT; CAMERA LENS RANGE FINDER

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: MALE Plumage: ADULT BREEDING

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor: BIRD ACTED AS A TYPICAL MEMBER OF THE GENUS. IT WAS DEFINITELY ARBOREAL, NEVER GOING BELOW ABOUT 10 FT ABOVE GROUND. IT WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE MORNING AND A BIT TAMER AND MORE SLOWLY MOVING IN THE EVENING. IT RESPONDED WELL TO SQUEAKS AND WHISTLES IN THE OPEN IT SHOWED ALL MARKS IN LEISURELY MOVEMENTS.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

SIZE AND SHAPE X TO YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER

BILL - SMALL, POINTED, DARK

CROWN - DARK OLIVE-GRAY; DARKER STREAKS

BACK AND WINGS - OLIVE GRAY SLIGHTLY LIGHTER THAN CROWN
DARK STREAKS ON BACK
LARGE WHITE PATCH IN WING

HEAD, BELOW CROWN - BRIGHT YELLOW, BRILLIANT CHESTNUT
CHEEK PATCH, YELLOW BEHIND CHEEK

THROAT, CHIN, BREAST, FLANKS - BRIGHT YELLOW, BLACKISH
STREAKS

UNDERTAIL COVERTS - WHITISH

UNDERTAIL - DARK GRAY, LARGE WHITISH SPOT ON
EITHER SIDE

RUMP AND UPPER SIDE OF TAIL NOT SEEN WELL

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc: SONG GIVEN FROM EXPOSED PERCH. HIGH PITCHED, SEVERAL NOTES, FASTER AT END. REMINISCENT OF MAGNOLIA WARBLER'S SONG OR YELLOW WARBLER'S, BUT MUCH HIGHER PITCH THAN THE LATTER SONG. FREQUENTLY GIVEN, BUT NOT AT ANY CONSTANT RATE.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

MIXED DECIDUOUS FOREST (USUALLY HIGH IN COTTON-WOODS) IN AM. PONDEROSA PINES IN PM.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

MAGNOLIA HAS LIGHT GRAYISH CROWN AND BLACK MASK. ACTUALLY, THE CAPE MAY IS UNIQUE IN THIS PLUMAGE AND SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH ANY OTHER SPECIES.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

NO EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES. A FEW MAGNOLIAS HAVE BEEN STUDIED.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

This report was written from notes made during _____ after X observation; from memory _____

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