

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD REPORT
☒ RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD ☐ NEW STATE RECORD

CFO-ORG FILE NO. 52-77-32

☒ ACCEPTED ☐ REJECTED *JP 9/28/77*

Species: Cape May Warbler
 (Vernacular Name)

Dendroica tigrina
 (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 6, 1977 Time Bird Seen: 8:00 am to 8:15 am

Locality: RMNP - Medicine Park Campground area - my breeding and census plot

Nearest Town: Estes Park County: Fauner

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>none</u>		

Optical Equipment: 7x35 binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used: -

Light Conditions: excellent

Distance from bird (how measured): 20' , estimate

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

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

Bird was active in the top of a Douglas-fir. I was able to stand at the base of the tree and study it in good sunlight for several minutes.

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:

The chestnut cheek patch was quite visible as were the white wing patch and yellow, streaked breast. There is absolutely nothing that I could confuse this bird with after such a good look at it and considering the fact that I am very familiar with the warblers.

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

no song

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird: aspen grove with mixed conifers; bird was in the conifers

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

- a) Chestnut cheek patch -- main characteristic
- b) white wing patch
- c) bright yellow breast

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

I am familiar with this species from the Middle West -- i.e. Ohio; however, I have seen it a couple times (in ten years) in Boulder. The same is true for all the "eastern" warblers - I grew up learning their songs & characteristics in Ohio.

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

Didn't really need a book but I have consulted Singer for the scientific name.

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

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