

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☐

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Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Cape May Warbler - Dendroica tigrina

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name)

Date(s): May 20, 1983Number of birds seen: 1 (one)Sex: malePlumage: breedingLocality: below Prewitt Res. damElevation: ?Nearest town: MerinoCounty: WashingtonTime(s) observed: 1:30 P.M.Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 10 min.

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

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Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):
The bird was in full sunlight, sun nearly overhead of observers.

directly

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7x50Distance, and how measured: 40 ft - 100 ft; estimated

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird? _____

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

The bird warbler was feeding among the tops of young cottonwood trees.

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

The bird was warbler shape, smaller than Yellow rumped warbler. The bird had an overall yellow appearance. The distinctive feature was the orange cheek patch extending below and behind the eye. Above the cheek patch there was an olive green cap ~~fade~~ lighting as it extended to the nape & back. Under dark the cheek patch was clean yellow. The breast, belly, flanks, & sides were yellow with black streaking. The rump was yellow but not as distinct as a yellow rumped warbler. The wing patch was very similar to the "Audubon" warbler's wing patch.

Description (continued):

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): none heard

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

The bird was feeding on cottonwood trees in a relatively open riparian area. The area was grazed by ~~other~~ cattle keeping clear of underbrush.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

The yellow warbler does not have the orange cheek patch, white wing patch, is lighter on the ~~the~~ back, and has orange streaks rather than black on the breast. No other has the orange cheek patch.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

Yellow warblers were within 5 min. of observing the Cape May warbler.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: Birds of North America; Robbins...

b) after observation:

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____ from memory X
Date and time report was written: _____

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