

Species: Cape May Warbler  
(Vernacular name)Dendroica Tigrina  
(Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students--those studying occurrences 50 years from now--must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Date (s): 5-20-83 Time Bird Seen: 11:30 to 12:30Locality: Tamarack Ranch  
Crook, Logan Co., Colorado  
Nearest town, county and state:Optical equipment: Leitz 7x42 BIf photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: Nikon camera with 400 mm  
Super-take LensNumber of birds seen: 1 Sex: male Plumage: breedingLight conditions: SunlightDistance from bird, and how measured: 30 - 50 feet estimatedDescribe the bird's overall behavior: Jumped + Flew short distances  
as it fed in upper + outer branches of trees 20-50 ft  
off ground.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

Riparian wood land - Cottonwoods + Alders  
along S side of S. Platte River

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

Inez Prather saw it at same time + about 5 P.M. same dayJohn Prather saw it 5 A.M. same day... same place



Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough.) Describe what you actually saw in the field.

A bright yellow warbler heavily streaked on breast with black. Chestnut, red patches behind eyes + ~~on throat~~ a less obvious chestnut area on throat. Obvious white wing patch. Top of head never well seen as it stayed up in trees. Belly was white in back of legs. Bright yellow area surrounded chestnut eye patches on all sides except top.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

Warbler Chirps only

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Chestnut on yellow markings + black streaking on breast ~~was~~ made this an obvious I.D.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

No previous sightings

This report was written from notes made during \_\_\_\_ after ☒ observation; from memory \_\_\_\_.

NAME (print): Bill Prather

Mailing address: Box 486 Fleming, Colo. 80725

Signature: ~~Bill~~ Bill Prather

Return to:  
Hugh E. Kingery  
869 Milwaukee Street  
Denver, Colorado 80206