

CFO-ORC FILE # 52-86-35

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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☐

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

Species: CAPE MAY WARBLER | DENDROICA EIGRINA
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): December 12, 1985 - LAST SEEN April 10, 1986Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: MALE Plumage: ABOUTLocality: LAKEWOOD, COLO - SUBURBAN BACKYARD Elevation: 5400'Nearest town: _____ County: Jefferson

Time(s) observed: _____

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): MANY HOURS

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

268 VISITORS!

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):

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): _____

Distance, and how measured: _____

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird? Bob Spencer, Kathy Hawkins, Hugh Ringert
DENVER POST. & I HAVE LOADS OF PHOTOS:

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

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:

Four field marks stood out to me on this bird, which was clearly a warbler by its size, shape and behavior: 1) Very heavy streaking on the underparts from the breast to lower belly but not on the undertail coverts

Description (continued):

b) large, thick white wing bars, c) prominent yellow rump and d) the face pattern with a dark line through the eye, a relatively dark auricular patch both surrounded by a yellow/orange area. Closer inspection revealed an olive/green upper back and head that had a few dark spots on it and white undertail coverts. The bird was very like the drawing of the fall male in the National Geographic Field Guide.

Description written from notes on 1/5/86, Peter R. Gent.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

ON 4/10/86, THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM, HE SANG A MOST BEAUTIFUL, very high pitched SONG. - THIS WAS THE ONLY SOUND I EVER heard him make.

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

BACKYARD Suet feeder

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

The combination of the 4 features listed above of heavy streaking on underparts b) large white wing bars, c) yellow rump and d) the face pattern are unique to Cape May Warbler. PRG.

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

NONE

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

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation:

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

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