

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
(Vernacular Name)DENDROICA TIGRINA
(Scientific Name)Date(s): NOVEMBER 15, 1991Number of birds seen: 1Sex: UNKNOWNPlumage: IMMATURE OR FALLLocality: FOUNTAIN CREEK REGIONAL PARK OF EL PASO COUNTY Elevation: 6,000' + ESTIMATENearest town: FOUNTAIN, COLORADOCounty: EL PASOTime(s) observed: APPROXIMATELY 11 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 5-6 MINUTES INTERMITTENTLY

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

ANTOINETTE BREVILLIER, 2616 ASH GROVE, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80906, 719-540-5653GEORGE MAENTZ, 910 BEAR CREEK NATURE CENTER, 245 BEAR CREEK ROAD, COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80906
TEL. 719 520 6387JO AND CHUCK ROMERO, 313 E LAS VEGAS, COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80903, 719-632-7317~~Other observers who saw the bird independently~~ (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)ANN HIGGINS, 2321 N CHEYENNE CANYON, COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80906, 719-473-8762

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

BRIGHT SUN WITH VERY HIGH THIN CLOUDS. I WAS LOOKING TO THE NORTH AT BIRD WITH SUN AT MY BACK.
BIRD WAS IN SUN MOST OF TIME.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 8X40 WIDE ANGLE BUSHNELL SPORTS VIEW BINOCULARSDistance, and how measured: 30-40' ESTIMATED AS AN AVERAGEIf photographed, type of equipment and film: DO NOT PHOTOGRAPHWho else photographed the bird? ANN HIGGINS

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

BIRD APPEARED TO BE FEEDING IN BUSHES FROM ABOUT 6' DOWN TO GROUND. ALSO WAS
FEEDING AND/OR DRINKING AT MARSH GROUND LEVEL.

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:

SIZE AND SHAPE SIMILAR TO SEVERAL YELLOW RUMP WARBLERS SEEN IN AREA AT
SAME TIME BUT NOT WITH THIS BIRD. VERY THIN BLACK BILL. DARK EYE, VERY FAINT
LIGHTER COLOR OF FEATHERS AROUND EYE BUT NOT AN EYE RING. PALE OLIVE GREEN HEAD AND
BACK. GREENISH YELLOW PATCH NOTED BEHIND EACH EAR WHEN HEAD TURNED AND LIGHT WAS
REFLECTED. STREAKS-BLOTCHY (BROWN/BLACK) ^{ON} BREAST. UNDER COLOR OF BREAST OVERALL
MEDIUM TO LIGHT GRAY. 2 PALE WING BARS NOTED. AS BIRD TIPPED FORWARD ON GROUND
TO FEED OR DRINK, YELLOW NOTED ON RUMP UNDER TAIL FEATHERS. BOTTOM OF TAIL FEATHERS
APPEARED DARK BUT NO DEFINITE PATTERN NOTED.

Description (continued):

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

NO SONG OR CALL NOTED

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: MARSH WITH
BAUSIA 6-7' HIGH, 5-6 SNIPES OBSERVED EARLIER JUST SOUTH OF BIRD. WATER WAS
NOT FROZEN IN MARSH.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? I DIDN'T, BUT WHAT WOULD BE A
SIMILAR APPEARING SPECIES - IN FALL OR IMMATURE PLUMAGE, WITH STREAKED
BREAST, LIGHT YELLOW-GREEN PATCH BEHIND EAR, THIN BLACK BILL, YELLOW AT BOTTOM
OF RUMP AND OLIVE GREEN HEAD AND BACK?

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

NONE

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this in-
fluenced your identification: BEFORE LOOKING FOR BIRD, TINI BREVILLIER DESCRIBED TO US AND SHOWED A
DRAWING OF A BIRD SHE HAD SEEN ON NOV 14TH. IN SAME AREA. WE NOTED STREAKED BREAST, OLIVE HEAD AND
a) at time of observation: BACK AND FAINT GREENISH PATCH BEHIND EAR AS MARKS TO LOOK FOR.

b) after observation: PETERSON FIELD GUIDE TO WESTERN BIRDS, 1990 ED; AUDUBON BIRD GUIDE, EASTERN LAND
BIRDS, 1946 ED; FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC; THE AUDUBON SOCIETY MASTER
GUIDE TO BIRDING; THE AUDUBON SOCIETY ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS; GOLDEN - A GUIDE TO FIELD
IDENTIFICATION BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA, 1983 ED.

This report was written from reports made during ☒ after observation ☐ from memory ☒
Date and time report was written: MY NOTES WERE WRITTEN ON SITE AT 11:10, NOV 15 1991

Reporting observer: ROBERT A JOYCE Signature: Robert A Joyce

Address: 2227 GLENN SUMMER ROAD COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80909

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APPENDIX II

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS
FOR
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDSSpecies: Cape May Warbler ; Dendroica tigrina
(Vernacular name) (Scientific name)

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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.

Dates (s): November 25 & 26, 1991 Time Bird Seen: 10:30 to 12:00 amLocality: Fountain Creek Park, Colorado Springs,
El Paso County, Colorado
Nearest town, county and state:Optical equipment: Pentax binocularsIf photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: Canon AE1 w/ Tamron 500 mm lens.Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: FallLight conditions: SunnyDistance from bird, and how measured: At closest, 15 feet. Paced the distance.Describe the bird's overall behavior:
Feeding on ground w/ 2 yellow-rumps, also in fall plumage. Not as
flitting as some warblers. Sat quietly in rushes and on dry weeds several
times.Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:
Marsh. Cold day but open water on ground w/ watercress on edges.

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

Toni Breunler: 2616 Ashgrove Cde Sps. 80906
George Hamby: 815 N. Arcadia Cde Sps. 80903
Jo Romero: 313 E. Las Vegas Cde Sps. 80903

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same size as yellow-rumps, short tail w/no white, small bill (at one point, looked kinglet-shaped). Olive back, 2 wing bars, dark gray head, light brown streaks on whitish or light breast. yellow rump was darker or more gold than yellow-rumps. Got of a dull mustard-yellow cheek/nuch patch. Not very visible except when it turned its head. Pale markings around eye - couldn't define. Dark eye. Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

n/a

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

With yellow-rumps. Comparisons were easy. No white on tail eliminates magnolia + yellow-rump.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

Yellow-rumps (fall) are common. First 1200 May.

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

Name (print) :

Ann Higgins

Mailing address:

1210 Whitehouse Drive, Bldg. 588, CO 80904

Signature:

Ann Higgins

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Dendroica tigrina

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Dates (s): 11-25-91 Time Bird Seen: 10:45 to 11:30Locality: Fountain Creek Regional Park
Fountain, (EL PASO) COLORADO
Nearest town, county and state:Optical equipment: Bidoculares Swift 8.5 X 44

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: _____ Plumage: WinterLight conditions: Good to fair. - from East - shining down into Marsh.Distance from bird, and how measured: from 10 ft (closest) to 25 ft (Estimate)Describe the bird's overall behavior: Not shy. Would perch from 10 to 20 ft off ground in deciduous trees (bare) and tall shrubs. Observed for probably 10 minutes feeding on vegetation or water bugs in clear, running water of marsh, over a small area. Do quick movements typical of warblers.Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:
Reedy marsh with fresh, clear, running water within a riparian area. Various shrubs, deciduous trees, surround marsh. Water plants abundant.

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

Others Submitting Separate reports: Toni Brevillier, Ann Higgins,
Bob Joyce, George Maente all of Colo. Spgs.

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"See. See, see, see, see" - high, thin + musical
Call given when bird was on ground or low to ground.
Did not see bird while calling so it could have been other bird tho I think not.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Yellow-rumped Warblers (immature) in same area. No ~~thin~~ yellow patches on front of wings on this bird. No bold eyering. (chest area)

Prior experience with this and similar species:

No experience with this species - Close + frequent encounters with Yellow-rumped Warblers, in all seasons.

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

Name (print) : Jo Anne Romero

Mailing address: 313 E. LAS VEGAS St. COLO. SPRS, CO 80903

Signature: Jo Anne Romero

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Species: Carex Mag. Warbler | Dendroica tigrina
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 11/25/91Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: _____ Plumage: winterLocality: Fountain Creek Regional Park Elevation: _____Nearest town: Fountain Co. County: El PasoTime(s) observed: 11:00Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 10 min.

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

Jo + Chuck Romero - 38 E. Las Vegas, Colo. Sp. Co. 80903 - (719) 632-5977 Ann Higgins -Toni Braultier - 2616 Ashgrove, Colo. Sp. Co. 80906 - (719) 540-5653Bob Joyce - 222 Glenn Summer Rd. Colo. Sp. Co. 80917 - (719) 634-0832

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):

clear sunny - starting from low winter angle - but excellent illumination of bird from side + sideOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Perovskithornis 3x36 CustomisDistance, and how measured: estimated 30'-35'If photographed, type of equipment and film: —Who else photographed the bird? Ann Higgins photographed the bird

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

Feeding along marshy seep - water trickling through green though prostrate buttercup leaves - it was poking its beak under + around the leaves (as were several Yellow-rump Warblers + Black-capped Chickadees). Periodically it would fly up to adjacent, bare willow or cottonwood twigs and perch. Busy while on the ground.

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:

My notes from the field: faint yellow ear patch - visible only when it turned its head while perched on a tree branch - not discernable while foraging on the ground; olive back; faint yellow rump patch (much duller than Yellow-rump Warblers); streaking on breast against a dull grayish background; more compact than accompanying Yellow-rump Warblers; no distinct eye ring like Yellow-rumps; no yellow at the shoulder like Yellow-rump; thin, sharply-pointed beak

Description (continued):

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

not noted

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

marshy seep - open tracts of water flowing through it - some reared stalks + sand bar
willow patches adjacent - ground cover = buttercup leaves -

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

by yellow ear-neck patch - with yellow rump - sharply pointed beak + size -
Definitely not a Yellow-rump Warbler - no yellow in shoulder, no eye-ring - different shape

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

first sighting of a Cape May Warbler - very familiar with Yellow-rump Warblers
Virginia Warblers - and other common western warbler species

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

a) at time of observation: none

b) after observation: Peterson Western Field Guide - only shows breeding plumage - did not
look like his pictures / National Geographic -

This report was written from reports made during ✓, after observation from memory
Date and time report was written: 12/7/91

Reporting observer: George Maentz

Signature: George Maentz

Address: 815 Arcadia Place, Colorado Springs CO 80903

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