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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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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 24, 1991

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: female Plumage: immature

Locality: Fountain Creek near El Paso Elevation: 5,600'

Nearest town: Fountain, Colorado County: El Paso

Time(s) observed: 1

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): approximately 3-4 minutes

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
NONE

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
Monday November 25th Ann Higgins, 20 and Chuck Romero, George Maentz, Bob Joyce

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):
The bird was in the snow and the sun was on it.

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): P.L. Elita 8x42

Distance, and how measured: estimate 10'

If photographed, type of equipment and film: N/A

Who else photographed the bird? Ann Higgins November 25, 1991

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):
When I first saw this bird, it was standing in the snow and I knew I had never seen it before. It looked as if it had just finished bathing and was busily shaking itself and preening its feathers.

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 use 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 very first thing I noticed about this bird was its color - a bright olive then I saw the small sharp pointed black bill then the suffusion of yellow on the side of the neck (perhaps a little on the auriculars) Quickly I started to make a drawing and notes. (Please see page 3 of this report) The bird flew a short distance ^{into grass at base of a tree} and I saw yellow on the rump. It continued to preen and then flew about 40' away from me and I had a good look at the yellow area on the rump, while it was flying.

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Description (continued):

The sharp short black bill certainly made me think "warbler"

When the bird flew away from me I did not notice any white in the tail feathers but thought I had when it was moving about in the short grassy area at the base of a tree (this area free of snow)

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): Before seeing the bird I spent some time trying to locate a very high pitched "ssss" which I didn't recognize - perhaps it was this bird.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: This bird was found, this day, adjacent to a marshy area which had some free flowing water in the sun.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? With the ^(Audubon's Warbler) ^(Myrtle Warbler) yellow rump the bird to eliminate first was yellow-rumped Warbler. This bird did not have any yellow on its sides. The yellow on the rump was not as bright nor as prominent as a yellow-rumped. The back of this bird was definitely greenish as was the head.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I am familiar with both Audubon's and Myrtle Warblers in fall plumages but have only seen Cape May Warblers in the spring.

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

a) at time of observation: NONE

National Geographic 2nd Edition; Ryle, Peter, Howell, Yurick, DeSante; Identification Guide to

b) after observation: North American Passerines; Kaufman, Kenn; Advanced Birding
McCaskie, Guy; Lecture on Fall Warblers ABA Convention Ft Collins June 1990

This report was written from reports made during X, after observation from memory

Date and time report was written: This report Jan 4, 1991 from drawings and written
record made Nov 24, 1991

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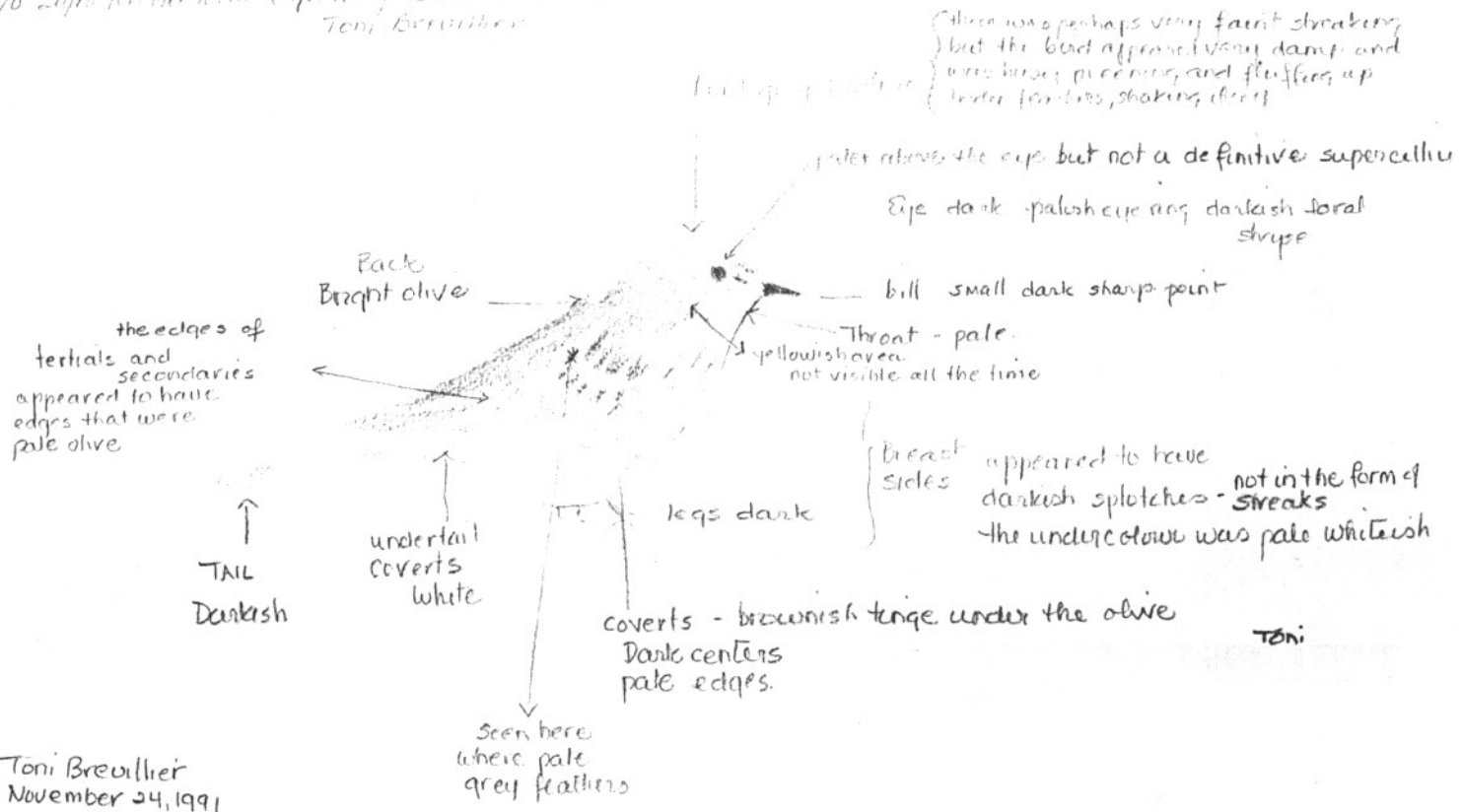
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CAPE MAY WARBLER
NOVEMBER 24, 1991

C 70 Light colored form Cape May Warbler November 24, 1991
Toni Breuillier



Note: This drawing and notations made the evening of November 24, 1991
from notes made in the field and before consulting any books

A photograph(s) of this bird will be sent by Ann Higgins