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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

(Please print or type. Attach photographs, drawings, and additional pages if necessary.)

Species : Cape May Warbler Dendroica tigrina  
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)

Date(s) of observation : 10-24-99

Number of birds seen : 1 Sex : Male Plumage : Fall adult non-breeding

Exact location : Northwest end Pueblo City Park

County : Pueblo Nearest town : Pueblo CO Elevation : 4700 Feet

Length of observation : 10 minutes Times(s) of observation : 10:50 - 11 AM

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you : Dave Johnson

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s) : Tod Dilley & Brandon Percival on 10-25

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's; position) : Clear sunny sky - Bird northwest of observers

Optical equipment used : 10x40 Zeiss Binocular

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted) : 40-50 Feet

Was bird photographed? : NO If so, have you submitted photographs? \_\_\_\_\_

Who took the photographs? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred : Small brook in Municipal Park with fairly open riparian vegetation. There are shrubs and trees along brook but not very dense. Bird was in large narrow-leaf cottonwood.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification) : Bird foraged fairly high in large cottonwood with yellow-rumped Warblers. When close to yellow rumps, it would often skirmish & the birds would chase each other.

Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird(s) in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings, and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Describe other details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes) :

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Describe bird's call or song:

None heard

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them :

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

I've seen a few Cape May Warblers in Colorado and many in Florida.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation) :

Jon Dunn + Kimball Garrett, Field Guide to Warblers of North America

This report was made from notes made during ✓ or after \_\_\_\_\_ observation, or later from memory \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of written report : 10-25-99

Reporting observer : David Silverman Signature : David Silverman

Observer's address : P.O. Box 362 Rye CO 81069

Send report to : Bill Lisowsky, 2919 Silverplume Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80526



### Description:

This bird was a small stocky short-tailed Warbler. It was olive-green above with a contrasting dull yellow rump, which was not as bright as rumps of nearby yellow-rumped warblers. This bird was smaller than yellow-rumped warblers.

Its underparts were brighter yellow than its rump. Breast was heavily streaked. These dark streaks extended into upper belly and lower flanks. Undertail coverts were unstreaked and white but yellow of rump extended into a very pale yellow vent.

This warbler had dull gray auricular patch contrasting with its yellow face. The patch gave impression of contrasting with a yellow collar extending into nape. This yellow collar was broken in the nape by an olive stripe extending from a darker olive crown to its olive green back. A dark loreal line contrasted with its yellow supercilium.

Wings were darker olive than back with a prominent white shoulder patch. Short tail was dark and had no observable tail spots.

Eye and legs were dark. Bill was dark, slim, and slightly down-curved.

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### Similar species:

Fall Townsend & Black-Throated Green Warblers lack yellow rumps. They have wing bars and lack prominent white shoulder patch of Cape May males.

Magnolia Warblers do not have yellow superciliums. They usually have more prominent tail spots & longer tails than Cape May Warbler.

Palm Warblers also lack bold white wing patch, and heavily dark streaked underparts of Cape May males. Palm Warblers have bright yellow undertail coverts. Palm Warblers often wag their tails. We never saw the Cape May Warbler wag its tail.