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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form (Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)

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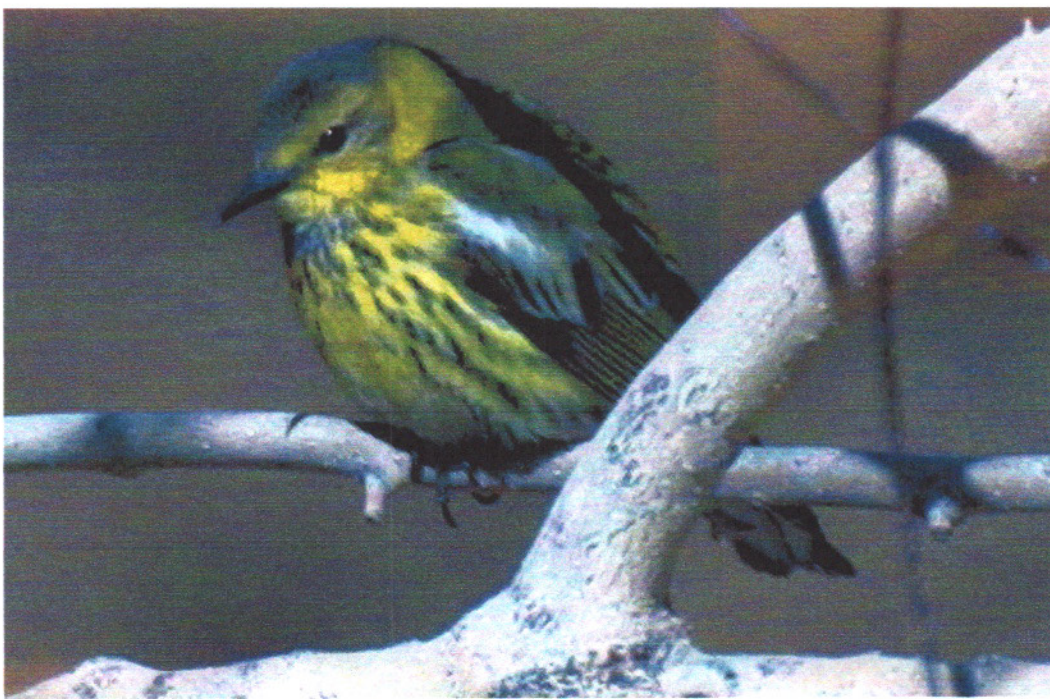
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RESULTS:

Species:(Common Name) Cape May Warbler		(Scientific Name)Dendroica tigrina
Date(s) of occurrence: 2/25/2001		
No. of Birds Seen: 1	Sex: Female	Plumage: Adult Breeding Female
Exact location: Denver Zoo grounds, City Park, Denver (next to Mangaby exhibit)		
County: Denver	Nearest town: Denver	Elevation: 5,280 ft
Length of observation: 10 minutes		Time(s) of observation: 11:32 am
Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Mary Rush		
Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): None		
Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position: Bright direct frontal sunlight		
Optical equipment used: Binoculars (Nikon Travelite IV), Canon EOS D-30 Digital Camera w/400 mm lens		
Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 30 ft		
Was bird(s) photographed? yes	If so, have you submitted photos? Not yet Submitting w/form	
Who took the photographs? Kenneth Rush		
Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: Leafless deciduous tree		
Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the Species or in supporting the identification): Was sitting on tree limb until it flew away.		
Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include the overall size and shape and how you placed the bird 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(s). Describe other important 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 field notes): Small sparrow sized bird, gray overall with yellow front with black vertical streaks on the breast. Sharp pointed beak, with slight downward curve. Singular white shoulder stripe on the wing, yellow throat with yellow extending around the neck. Slight yellow above the eye. White underside of the tail with black tip. Could not see color of legs because of the way it was perched, but feet were dark		
Describe bird's call or song: Did not hear song.		
Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: At first we thought it was a Yellow Warbler but it had black streaks on it's chest instead of red. We eliminated several species because this bird had a yellow neck.		
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Not very much, beginning birder		
List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): During observation we did not have a bird guide with us, so we had to depend on the pictures I had taken. After the observation we used the National Geographic North American Birds; The Sibley Guide to Birds & Thayer Birding Software. My wife Mary sent email with a photograph to Ken Pals, a Naturalist at Fountain Creek Regional Park , and Frank Dodge, owner of the Wild Bird Center in Colorado Springs. They agreed with our findings and Ken Pals forwarded Mary's email to Brandon Percival, Pueblo West, CO.		
This report is from notes made after observation from photograph		
Date of written report: March 27, 2001		Signature: Kenneth Rush
Reporting observer: Kenneth Rush		
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Cape May Warbler

2/25/01 11:30am

Denver Zoo Grounds

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