

## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Species: Prairie Warbler (Vernacular Name) Dendroica discolor (Scientific Name)Date(s): May 7, 1994Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: female Plumage: adultLocality: Hasty Campground Elevation: 3870Nearest town: Los Animas County: BentTime(s) observed: 9:20-9:25 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 5 minutes

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

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

none

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

excellentOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10x40 BEL BinocularsDistance, and how measured: 15 feetIf photographed, type of equipment and film: not photographedWho else photographed the bird? no one

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

The bird foraged in a tree with other warblers. The bird's tail went up and down.

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 observed in the field: I identified the bird by its tail wagging habit. It's dark line through both eyes, circled down just before the bill to the sides of the head. Also by its white undertail coverts. The bird's size was about 4 3/4 inches. The bird's overall shape was typical warbler shaped. The bird's plumage was an adult female. The color pattern is as follows: The bill was all dark. The eyes were dark. The head was greenish, the back was also greenish. The wings were more a grayish color. Also the two wing bars were faint. The color of the two wing

Description (continued): Bars were off white. The tail was darkish with no noticeable white. The face was yellow with a dark line through both of the eyes, which went through the bird's bill then down, back into the greenish back. Above this a yellow eye line was present above both eyes. The chin, throat, breast and belly were all bright yellow. The flanks of the bird had many black streaks over the bright yellow underparts however these streaks were only on the flanks. Also the bird had white undertail coverts. The legs and feet were dark. The shape of the bill was thin and shortish and somewhat pointed at the end. The wings and tail shape was typical warbler shaped.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): No song heard. A very different sounding chip was heard however may be not from this bird.

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

In a campground with trees and grass in Southeastern Colorado. The bird was in the trees.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Palm Warbler: This species has a rufous cap in spring. Also this species has yellow undertail coverts.

Magnolia Warbler: This species has gray on the head. Also this species does not pump its tail up and down.

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

This is my first Prairie Warbler.

Magnolia Warbler: I have seen 5 in Colorado and 1 in Kansas.

Palm Warbler: I have seen 6 in Colorado.

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

a) at time of observation: None

b) after observation: National Geographic Society of Birds of North America

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

Date and time report was written: May 9, 1994 8:45-9:00 AM

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