

CFO-ORC-FILE# 1998-126

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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

Results: _____

Species: Prairie Warbler Dendroica discolor

Dates: Aug. 30 and Sept. 2, 1998

Number of birds seen: One

Sex: Female

Plumage: first year female

Locality: Fountain Creek Regional Park

Elevation: 5800'

Nearest town: Fountain CO

County: El Paso

Time observed: 0800 - 1000 on 8/30; 0830 on 9/2/98

Duration of observation: Several minutes on each occasion.

Other observers with you: on 8/30: BB Hahn and E B Willis. On 9/2, Jay the park naturalist

Other observers who saw the bird independently: Greg Butcher, BB Hahn, Jay, Mark Janos, Brandon Percival, Bob Goycoolea, Virginia Maynard, and m.ob.

Light conditions: bright sun, partial backlighting, side lighting.

Optical equipment: Swarovski SLC Mark III 8X30

Distance from bird: thirty to fifty feet

Describe the bird's behavior: actively feeding in mid levels of trees, also foraging in low shrubs by the irrigation ditch. Wagged its tail. There appeared to be an insect hatch (diptera sp?) during both observation periods, and the birds were attracted by the swarms of small flies.

rec'd 9-11-98 ✓

(color photo attached
to record 1998-126)

Describe the bird (what you actually saw): an active slim yellow warbler, similar in size as the Yellow Warblers with it. It had a yellow crescent under the eyes, a yellow line over the eye, a darker line through the eye and dark moustache under the yellow crescent pointing to a dark olive or gray spot on the neck. Rest of head yellowish. Dull yellow wing bars. Gray or olive streaks on the sides, but not on the breast, throat or back. Its back was yellow-olive, not streaked. Rump yellow-olive. White spots on the tail visible when flying.

Describe the bird's song and call if heard: chip note heard; not heard singing.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird: riparian deciduous trees above flowing water, plants included American Elm, Marsh Ash, Siberian Elm, Cottonwood, and Tamarisk, in a flock of Yellow Warblers and Wilson's Warblers.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species: tail wagging; the characteristic facial markings separated it from the Yellow and Wilson's with it. Having recently seen a Pine Warbler, this bird was slimmer and smaller with a thinner bill, and had the moustache and spot on the neck. The yellow crescent under the eyes and dark moustache and spot on the shoulder eliminate the Magnolia Warbler and Yellow Warbler. The lack of a black cheek patch and white wing bars and presence of dark spots on sides of the throat eliminate Townsend's Warbler. More yellow head, neck spot and faint yellow wing bars eliminate Grace's Warbler.

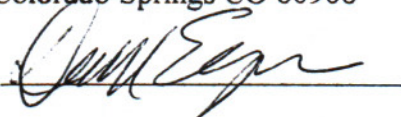
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species: first time for this species for me in Colorado; many previous sightings in Texas and South Carolina.

List books if they helped in your identification: National Geographic Society *Birds of North America*; Dunn & Garrett's *Warblers*

This report was written from notes taken after observations and from memory.

Reporting observer: David M. Elwonger
Address: 2500 Constellation Drive
Colorado Springs CO 80906

Signature:



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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

Results: 1998

Species:

Prairie Warbler

Dendroica discolor

Dates: 9/5/98

Number of birds seen: one

Sex: believed to be female because of lack of reddish on back

Plumage: alternate

Locality: Fountain Creek

Elevation: about 5700 feet I think

Nearest town: Fountain

County: El Paso

Time observed: not noted

Duration of observation: not noted

Other observers with you: Ric Olson

Other observers who saw the bird independently:

Light conditions: sunny

Optical equipment: Leica 10x42 Ultras; photo taken with Canon A2E using Sigma 400 APO MACRO lens and 1.4X multiplier

Distance from bird: not noted

Describe the bird's behavior: it spent most of its time foraging in medium to low branches near a canal

Describe the bird (what you actually saw):

not noted

Describe the bird's song and call if heard: not noted

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird: wooded area near a stream

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species:

dark malar strip, yellow underparts and dark marks on flanks are distinctive

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

probably around 40 or 50 seen, mostly in Florida in November and December

List books if they helped in your identification: none

This report was written from notes taken during x, or after observation

 or from memory . I did not take any notes when I observed. What little I reported above is from memory today, 10/25/98.

Reporting observer:

David W. Quesenberry

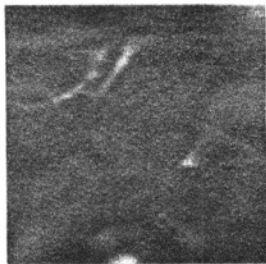
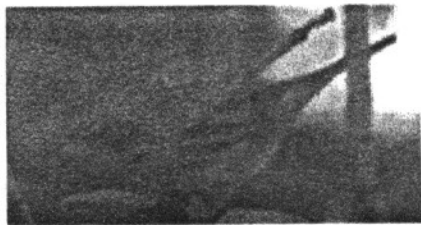
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Prairie Warbler
Fountain Creek 9/5/98

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Mark,
look this over. One of three that BB sent me yesterday. If this transmits
okay, will send the other two via email....how you doin'? wpl

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Date: Thu, 18 Feb 1999 11:44:54 -0700**From:** BB Hahn <chickaddd@juno.com> [Add to Address Book](#)**To:** NCSWPL@aol.com

Colorado Rare Bird Report

Species: Prairie Warbler Dendroica discolor

Dates: August 24 and August 30, 1998

Number of birds seen: One

Sex: Female/immature male

Plumage: first year female/immature male

Locality: Fountain Creek Regional Park

Elevation: 5800'

Nearest town: Fountain, CO

County: El Paso

Time observed: 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Duration of observation: We saw it off and on perhaps four different
times, with the bird lingering several minutes each time.

Other observers with you: David Elwonger, E. B. Ellis on Aug. 30.

Other observers who saw the bird independently: Greg Butcher, Jay (the
park naturalist), Mark Janos, Brandon Percival, Bob Goycoolea, Virginia
Maynard, and m.ob.

Light conditions: Aug. 24 - Full sun behind me. Aug. 30 - Sunny, bird

sometimes partially backlit, often seen with the sun to our right while the bird was on our left.

Optical equipment: Swarovski SLC 10 x 42WB binocs.

Distance from bird: From 20 to 50 feet.

Describe the bird's behavior: Aug. 24 - I was focusing on what I believe was a Queen butterfly in a tamarisk about 15 feet away and 3 feet above eye level. As I watched the butterfly, the bird flew in, snatched the butterfly, pulled off the wings, ate the body and flew off. Aug. 30 - the bird was actively feeding in the trees and shrubs along the irrigation ditch. It wagged its tail and was aggressively flycatching in the hordes of insects (mosquitoes/flyies) together with Wilson's Warblers, Yellow Warblers.

Describe the bird (what you actually saw): an active slim yellow warbler, similar in size as the Yellow Warblers with it. It had a yellow crescent under the eyes, a yellow supercilium, a darker line through the eye and dark moustache under the yellow crescent pointing to a dark olive or gray spot on the neck. Rest of head yellowish-olive. Dull yellow wing bars. Upperparts grayish-olive with no visible streaking, underparts yellow. Gray or olive streaks on the sides, but not on the breast, throat or back. Some white on the tail visible when flying.

Describe the bird's song and call if heard: chip note heard; did not hear singing.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird: riparian deciduous trees above flowing water, plants included American Elm, Marsh Ash, Siberian Elm, Cottonwood, and Tamarisk.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species: tail wagging; the characteristic facial markings separated it from the Yellow and Wilson's with it. Having recently seen a Pine Warbler, this bird was slimmer and smaller with a thinner bill, different facial pattern, all-yellow underparts, yellow wingbars. The facial pattern & no breast band eliminates the Magnolia Warbler. Facial pattern, darker head, back and wings, eliminates Yellow Warbler. The lack of a black cheek patch and white wing bars, plus the yellow underparts on this bird eliminate Townsend's Warbler. Facial pattern, yellow underparts, warmer upperparts and faint yellow wing bars eliminate Grace's Warbler.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species: first time for this species for me in Colorado; several previous sightings in e. Texas.

List books if they helped in your identification: National Geographic Society Field Guide to the Birds of North America; Dunn & Garrett's Warblers

This report was written from notes taken after observations and from memory.

Reporting observer: BB Hahn, 2915 Hodgen Road, Black Forest, CO 80921

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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGHT RECORD FORM
RESULTS: _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS AND ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY.

SPECIES: Prairie Warbler Dendroica discolor
(COMMON NAME) (SCIENTIFIC NAME)

DATE(S) OF OCCURRENCE: 9-1-98 & 9-5-98

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: ♀ PLUMAGE: WTR/BASIC

EXACT LOCATION: 50 yds N of Duckwood parking AREA @ Fountain Creek Reg. Park

COUNTY: El Paso NEAREST TOWN: Fountain ELEVATION: 5500'

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 30 sec / 15 min TIMES(S) OF OBSERVATION: 16:30 / 10:15 - 10:30

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S):

9-18-98 - DAVE QUESENBERRY

LIGHT CONDITIONS [QUALITY; DIRECTION RELATIVE TO BIRD(S); POSITION]:

9-1-98 - cloudy - w/o SHADOWS

9-5-98 - clear - sun high, off Right shoulder

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED: ZIESS 10x40

DISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED):

9-1-98 - 15 FEET 9-5-98 - 15 FEET & 20 yds

WAS THE BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED: YES IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS? NO

WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? DAVE QUESENBERRY

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD(S) OCCURRED:

BIRD WAS OBSERVED in EIM & ASH TREES Along AN IRRIGATION DITCH
IN A RIPARIAN AREA of FC.R.P. NEAR FOUNTAIN CREEK

DESCRIBE THE BIRD'S BEHAVIOR (FLYING; FEEDING; HABITS; BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION):

THE BIRD WAS WORKING THRU TREES ~~collecting~~ EATING INSECTS
OCCASSIONLY RESTING, PREENING BUT GENERALLY FEEDING

DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. INCLUDE 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 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):

THE BIRD WAS AN ACTIVE, SMALL YELLOW TYPE WARBLER

HEAD - THIN POINTED BLACK BILL, BLACK EYE.

CROWN, NAPE FOREHEAD - BROWNISH GREEN

LORES, SUPERCILLIUM - YELLOW

BROWNISH GREEN - EYE STRIPE & MALAR STRIPE WITH
YELLOW BETWEEN (EYE & AURICULAR REGION) JOINING BACK TOGETHER
INTO NAPE. CHIN & THROAT - YELLOW



BODY - BREAST, BELLY - YELLOW, FLANKS - YELLOW WITH BLACK STREAKS
UNDERTAIL COVERTS - WHITE

- SCAPULARS, BACK RUMP - BROWNISH GREEN - TWO FAINT PALER
WING BARS

TAIL - DARK WITH WHITE SPOTS - CONSTANTLY "PUMPING"

LEGS - BLACK

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM:

PINE WARBLER - FLANK STREAKING TOO PROMINENT, FACIAL PATTERN TOO DISTINCT.

WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES?

SEEN MANY IN FLORIDA

LIST BOOKS, GUIDES, RECORDINGS, OR OTHER SOURCES CONSULTED AND HOW THIS INFLUENCED YOUR IDENTIFICATION (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION):

NONE

THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM ^{TAPED}NOTES MADE DURING ☒ OR AFTER ☐
OBSERVATION, OR LATER FROM MEMORY ☐.

DATE OF WRITTEN REPORT: 9-15-98

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