

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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(1 photo)NEW STATE RECORD _____ UNUSUAL RECORD X**Species:** Prairie Warbler (*Dendroica discolor*)**Date:** 21 August 1998**Number seen:** one**Sex:** male**Plumage:** Basic**Locality:** Barr Lake SP banding station**Elevation:** about 5000'**Nearest town:** Brighton**County:** Adams**Time observed:** about 07:00 MDT**Duration of observation:** about 20 minutes

Description: While conducting the banding operation at Barr Lake S.P., I captured and banded an immature male Prairie Warbler. The other bander (Glenn Giroir) and I proceeded to process the bird, I photographed it, and then we released it in the area of the banding station. To my knowledge, it was not seen again.

The bird was a small, warbler that was generally green above and yellow below. The crown and face were green and the throat was yellow. There were pale yellow eye arcs above and below the eyes, a yellow superciliary, and a blackish malar stripe. The green auriculars were tinged with gray. The eyes were dark and the bill was bicolored - blackish maxilla and pale mandible. The green back had some vague reddish streaks. The upper wing coverts were green, with the greater and median secondary coverts tipped yellowish, forming two wing bars. The flight feathers were blackish, broadly-fringed with greenish. The yellow side and flank feathers had smudgy dark centers that formed noticeable, but ill-defined blackish streaks.

Similar species eliminated by description: The most similar warbler species that need to be considered in identifying this bird are Blue-winged, Magnolia, Townsend's, and Pine. All are yellow below with at least some streaking on the sides. However, all are readily eliminated by this bird's upperside pattern and coloration and by head pattern.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): none detected

What is your prior experience with this and similarly-appearing species? I have seen in excess of 200 Prairie Warblers and have banded >10 of them. I have also seen 100s of each of the similar species mentioned above and have banded 10s to 100s of each of them.

Light conditions: sun behind me for photographs

Optical equipment used: 20x10 eyeballs

Distance, and how estimated: estimated closest distance at 0.3 meters

Other observers who saw the bird with you: Glenn Giroir

Other observers who saw the bird independently: none of which I am aware

If photographed, type of equipment and film:

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

a) at time of observation: none

b) after observation: none

Reporting observer: Tony Leukering

Signature:



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Date report was written: This report was written on 20 January 2000 from memory and with consultation with the pictures of the individual.

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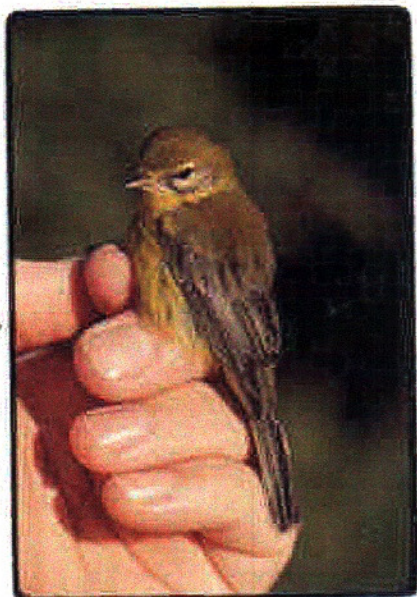
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