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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form (This is a two-page report. Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.) Each table cell will automatically enlarge as you type!

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RESULTS:

Species:(Common Name) Prairie Warbler (Scientific Name) *Dendrocia discolor*

Date(s) of occurrence: May 6 2001

Number of birds seen: one Sex: female Plumage: alternate

Exact location: in the grove of trees on the south side of Lake Holbrook, on the north side of the road FF

County: Otero Nearest town: Swink Elevation: 4162 feet

Length of observation: two - fifteen second looks Time(s) of observation: ~13:00

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Andrew Spencer ( found the bird), Duane Nelson, Joey Kellner, Nathan ? and Randy ?

Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s):

Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position: Sunny to partly cloudy, wind light and variable, sun at observers back.

Optical equipment used: zies 10 x 40

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 20 feet

Was bird(s) photographed? no If so, have you submitted photos?

Who took the photographs?

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: res. riparian, plains cottonwood

Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the Species or in supporting the identification): The bird was observed actively feeding in the outer branches of a cottonwood tree.

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 photo graphs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches or copy field notes): This warbler was olive green on the top and yellow below. The bill and eye were dark. The facial pattern consisted of an olive green forehead, crown, nape, and back ( red back stripes were not noted). The olive green of the crown flowed into the auricular region and became part of an eye stripe and a suborbital half circle. An eye stripe extended from the base of the bill through the eye into the auriculars, darker anterior and olive green behind the eye. A similar color semi-circular sub orbital stripe existed, beginning half way between the bill and the eye. The chin, throat, belly were yellow. The flanks were yellow with black streaks, darker toward the chest and lighter toward the vent. The legs were dark. The wings and tail were a bit darker olive green with faint black streaks running the length of each feather.

Describe bird's call or song: none heard

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: Pine Warbler has different face pattern, white belly and undertail coverts. Palm Warbler has rufous crown, white belly ( western race) and rufous flank streaking.

Yellow Warbler has almost no facial pattern, little to no breast streaking, pale legs.

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

I've seen quite a few in Florida

List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley guide to birds, 2000

This report is from notes made during or after observation or later  
X from memory

Date of written report: May 8, 2001

Reporting observer: Signature: Ric Olson 9450 N. Heather Dr. CastleRock 80104

Reporting Observer's Address:

City: State: Zip:

Send report to: Colorado Birds Record Committee c/o Bill Lisowsky 2919 Silverplume Dr. Ft. Collins, Co. 80526



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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS, DRAWINGS AND ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY)

SPECIES: PRAIRIE WARBLER DENDROICA DISCOLOR  
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)

DATE(S) OF OBSERVATION: MAY 7, 2001

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: FEMALE PLUMAGE: BREEDING

EXACT LOCATION: GROVE ON SOUTH SIDE OF LAKE HOLBROOK

COUNTY: ~~GRAND~~ <sup>OTERO</sup> NEAREST TOWN: ROCKY FORD ELEVATION: 4500'

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 20 MINUTES TIME(S) OF OBSERVATION: ~ 3 pm

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO SAW THE BIRD(S) WITH YOU:

MARK JANOS, BRANDON PERCIVAL

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S):

JOEY KELLNER, RIC OLSON, ANDREW SPENCER

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

BRIGHT SUNLIGHT

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED:

10x40 BINOCULARS

DISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED): 15' CLOSEST

WAS BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED? — IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS? —

WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? —

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

SMALL TREES AND BUSHES ON THE SOUTH SHORE OF LAKE HOLBROOK.

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

THE BIRD WAS ACTIVELY FEEDING THE WHOLE TIME I WATCHED IT. IT WAS SEARCHING FOR BUGS IN THE SMALL TREES AND BUSHES, MOST OF THE TIME BELOW EYE LEVEL. IT WAGGED ITS TAIL DOWN AND UP QUITE FREQUENTLY, BUT NOT CONTINUOUSLY.

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 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 A SMALL WARBLER, MOSTLY DARK OLIVE ABOVE AND YELLOW BELOW. IT HAD A YELLOW EYEBROW LINE, A DARK LINE THROUGH THE EYE, A YELLOW CHEEK PATCH BELOW THE EYE, AND A DARK Moustachial LINE. THE YELLOW UNDERPARTS HAD BLACK STREAKS ON THE FLANKS, AND THE UNDERTAIL WAS WHITISH. THE WINGS AND UPPER TAIL WERE DARK, BUT NOT BLACK. THE BIRD HAD LARGE WHITE SPOTS ON THE UNDERTAIL. IT HAD TWO, VERY VERY FAINT WINGBARS, I DIDN'T SEE CHESTNUT STREAKS ON THE UPPER BACK. THE EYE, BILL AND LEGS WERE BLACK. DESCRIBE BIRD'S CALL OR SONG:

NONE HEARD

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM:

OBVIOUSLY DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER TAIL WAGGERS, WATER TITRUSHES AND PALM WARBLER, BY OLIVE UPPERPARTS AND YELLOW UNDERPARTS. FACE, BACK AND BELLY COLOR DISTINGUISH IT FROM TOWNSEND'S, BLACK THROATED GREEN, YELLOW THROATED, GRACE'S AND KIRTLAND'S WARBLERS. WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES?

HAVE SEEN ALL WARBLER SPECIES DISCUSSED SEVERAL TO VERY MANY TIMES.

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

LOOKED AT NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC AFTER IDENTIFYING THE BIRD

THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM NOTES MADE DURING \_\_\_\_\_ OR AFTER X OBSERVATION, OR LATER FROM MEMORY \_\_\_\_\_.

DATE OF WRITTEN REPORT: MAY 11, 2001  
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