

(A) 2002-53

rec'd 5/25/02

SPECIES: PRAIRIE WARBLER | DENDROICA DISCOLOR
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

DATE(S): 9/1/01 TIME OF OBSERVATION: 8:20 AM TO 8:35 AM

EXACT LOCATION: CROW VALLEY CAMPGROUND

NEAREST TOWN: BRIGGSDALE COUNTY: WELD

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

JOE HIMMEL

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: BAUSCH & LOMB 10X42 ELITE BINOCULARS

WEATHER CONDITIONS: SUNNY

BIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: BIRD IN FRONT, SUN BEHIND AND TO RIGHT

DISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: APPROXIMATED AT 15-25 FEET

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: M PLUMAGE: IMMATURE

BEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR: SEE ATTACHED PAGES

HEAD & NECK (forehead, crown, auricular & malar regions, median line, etc.):

SEE ATTACHED PAGES

EYES & LORES (supercilium, eye-ring, eye-stripe, color, etc.):

SEE ATTACHED PAGES

LOWER & UPPER MANDIBLES (color & shape):

SEE ATTACHED PAGES

LEGS & FEET: SEE ATTACHED PAGES

UPPERPARTS (nape, back, rump, uppertail coverts, etc.):

SEE ATTACHED PAGES

UNDERPARTS (chin, throat, belly, sides, flanks, crissum, etc.):

SEE ATTACHED PAGES

RETRICES (inner, middle & outer tail feathers; color, pattern, shape, etc.):
SEE ATTACHED PAGES

WINGS (color, length, shape, bars, coverts, etc.):
SEE ATTACHED PAGES

VOCALIZATION (call/song, method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight):
NONE

HABITAT: SCRUBBY WILLOWS ALONG EDGE OF AN OPEN FIELD

ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

TENNESSEE WARBLER ELIMINATED BY FACIAL PATTERN AND HEAD COLOR AND BY FAINT WING BAR. ORANGE CROWNED ELIMINATED BY FACIAL PATTERN AND BRIGHTER UNDERPARTS, AS WELL AS WHITE IN THE TAIL. NASHVILLE ELIMINATED BY FACIAL PATTERN AND HEAD COLOR, BY STREAKING ON SIDES WHICH ALSO ELIMINATES THE ABOVE TWO BIRDS. MAGNOLIA ELIMINATED BY FACIAL PATTERN AND HEAD COLOR AND BY FAINT STREAKING ON BACK. PINE WARBLER IS ELIMINATED BY FACIAL PATTERN, BY STREAKING ON BACK AND BY WHITE IN THE TAIL. ALL OPORONIS WARBLERS ARE ELIMINATED BY FACIAL PATTERN AND HEAD COLOR, BY LIGHTER UNDERTAIL COVERTS AND STREAKING

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

I HAVE SEEN DOZENS OF TENNESSEE WARBLERS, HUNDREDS OF ORANGE CROWNED WARBLERS, NUMEROUS NASHVILLE WARBLERS, NUMEROUS MAGNOLIA WARBLERS, HALF A DOZEN PINE WARBLERS AND ALL OPORONIS WARBLERS IN COLORADO, ILLINOIS, WISCONSIN. I HAVE SEEN A COUPLE DOZEN PRAIRIE WARBLERS IN INDIANA AND FLORIDA.

BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADVICE CONSULTED THAT INFLUENCED THIS REPORT:
NONE

THIS REPORT WRITTEN FROM NOTES MADE DURING ☒ AFTER ☐ OBSERVATION; ☐ FROM MEMORY

NAME: JOE MAMMOSEK SIGNATURE: Joe Mammoser DATE: 9-5-01

BEHAVIOUR AND DEMEANOR: THE BIRD FORAGED IN THE SHORT WILLOWS ALONG THE OPEN FIELD BY THE GROUP PICNIC SHELTER. IT RANGED FROM 2 FEET TO 4 FEET OFF THE GROUND. AS IT FORAGED, IT WOULD FREQUENTLY PUMP ITS TAIL AND SPREAD THE TAIL FEATHERS. IT DIDN'T SEEM TOO WARY, ALLOWING US TO GET AS CLOSE AS 15-18 FEET.

HEAD AND NECK: THE CROWN WAS OLIVE IN COLOR WHICH CONTINUED ONTO THE NAPE AND THE BACK. THE FACIAL PATTERN WAS QUITE DISTINCT. THE AURICULAR AREA WAS DARKER OLIVE. THERE WAS A BRIGHT YELLOW LINE ABOVE THE EYE BORDERED BY THE DARK EYE BELOW AND THE OLIVE CROWN ABOVE. THE EYE LINE EXTENDED BEHIND THE EYE WHERE IT WAS BORDERED BELOW BY THE DARK AURICULAR AREA. THERE WAS ALSO A BRIGHT YELLOW CRESCENT BELOW THE EYE THAT WAS BORDERED ABOVE BY THE DARK EYE AND BELOW BY A DARK LINE EXTENDING FROM THE AURICULAR AREA TO ANOTHER DARK LINE EXTENDING FROM THE EYE TO THE BASE OF THE BILL. THUS GIVING THE APPEARANCE OF TWO LIGHT SPOTS ABOVE AND BELOW THE EYE ON AN OTHERWISE DARK BACKGROUND.

EYE AND LORES: THE EYE WAS DARK AND THE LORES WERE DARKISH OLIVE

BILL: THE BILL WAS DARK BLACK

LEGS AND FEET: THE LEGS AND FEET APPEARED GRAYISH-BLACK

UPPERPARTS: THE BACK WAS OLIVE COLOR SIMILAR AS THE NAPE AND CROWN. THIS COLOR WAS SIMILAR IN SHADE TO A WILSONS WARBLER. IT EXTENDED ONTO THE RUMP. AT ONE TIME, THE BIRD FACED AWAY FROM US IN THE OPEN AND WE COULD SEE 3-4 VERY FAINT LIGHT BROWN VERTICAL STREAKS EXTENDING FROM THE BASE OF THE NAPE TO THE LOWER BACK.

UNDERPARTS: UNDERNEATH, THE BIRD WAS BRIGHT YELLOW FROM THE CHIN TO THE LOWER BELLY. THE UNDERTAIL COVERTS WERE A PALER YELLOWISH WHITE. WE COULD SEE DISTINCT, BUT SUBDUED, STREAKING ALONG THE SIDES FROM THE TOP OF THE WING TO THE FLANKS.

RETRICES: THE TAIL WAS PREDOMINANTLY DARK GRAYISH-BLACK. THE OUTER 2-3 FEATHERS HAD WHITE INNER WEBS GIVING THE TAIL A DISTINCT STRIPED LOOK WHEN THE TAIL FEATHERS WERE SPREAD, WHICH THE BIRD DID SEVERAL TIMES.

WINGS: THE WINGS WERE DARK GRAYISH-BLACK. THE MEDIAN COVERTS WERE TIPPED VERY FAINTLY WITH A LIGHTER SHADE OF GRAY, GIVING THE LOOK OF A VERY FAINT WING BAR.