

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form
(Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)

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CBRC FILE #: 2003-138

RESULTS:

Species: (Common Name) Prairie Warbler

(Scientific Name) Dendroica discolor

Date(s) of occurrence: May 6, 2003

Number of birds seen: Two, maybe three

Sex: 2 males, maybe 1 female

Plumage: Alternate

Exact location: From Wagonwheel Campground at Bonny Res. toward lake and dam near water.

County: Yuma

Nearest town: Hale

Elevation: unknown

Length of observation: About 15 minutes

Time(s) of observation: early morning (not recorded)

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: None

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): None

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Very good; sun was to my right

Optical equipment used: Elite 10x42

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 150 ft

Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? No

If so, are you submitting photos? N/A

Who took the photograph(s)? N/A

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Birds were at edge of forested area next to the Bonny Res. shoreline. They stayed fairly high in these trees. Based on my experience with this species in Ohio, this was not typical habitat.

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: Birds were singing and foraging in cottonwood trees near the shoreline of Bonny Res.

DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. Small yellowish warbler with two lines of bold black stripes on flanks. Head had yellow supercilium with dark line through and under eye that connected behind the eye. Upper parts darker yellowish olive including the crown. No wingbars. Bill was small and dark. Undertail coverts were light yellow. Did not get a good look of back of birds. One bird seen very briefly seemed much more subdued in general coloring -- perhaps a female.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: I found these birds by hearing them. I immediately recognized the song as an eastern warbler that I was familiar with, but I didn't think Prairie until I got a look at one. The song was an accelerating and rising ze ze ze that ended emphatically.

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: The bold flank stripes, yellow underparts, distinctive face pattern and song eliminated all other warblers.

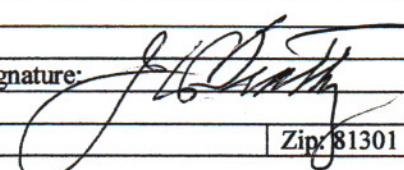
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen this species many times in SW Ohio and other places.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation): None

This report was made later from memory

Date and time of written report: February 3, 2004 at 3 PM

Reporting observer: James D. Beatty

Signature: 

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