

Species: Bay-breasted Warbler
 (Vernacular Name)

Dendroica castanea
 (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 19, 1973 Time Bird Seen: 9:35 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Locality: East of my in cottonwood trees along creek

Nearest Town: Ft. Morgan, Colorado County: Morgan

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Optical Equipment: Tasco Zoom Binoculars 7X-17X35

If photographed, type of equipment used: _____

Light Conditions: Very good, clear

Distance from bird (how measured): Estimated 10'-12'

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: Spring

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

The bird was observed approximately 10'-12' above the ground feeding on insects found on the leaves and on small branches. After I observed it for about 10 minutes it disappeared. I never saw it again.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

A small bird approximately 4-5" in length. A small slender bird with buffy-olive, black and chestnut upper parts. Under parts buffy-white and chestnut. The head is chestnut & black with chestnut on throat and sides. Bill is very narrow and tapering to a point. Wings are long and pointed. Tail is notched. My field marks of identification are that this bird had two white wing bars and a chestnut head, throat, and sides.

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

The birds song was heard while it was feeding.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

In a grove of cottonwood trees growing along a dry creek bed east of my yard near my home.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

I knew what specie of warbler it was upon first sighting it.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

This was my first sighting of this particular specie of warbler. I only knew of it from photographs and paintings that I had studied before.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?
Birds of North Amer., Robbins, Brown, Zim, & Singer. Excellent examples of illustrations of both ♂ + ♀ + immature Bay-breasted Warblers. The description is short and to the point.
Audubon Land Bird Guide, Pevah. An excellent description of the Bay-breasted Warbler ♀ + ♂ + imm.
This report was written from notes made during _____ after ☒ observation; from memory ☒

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