

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: Bay-breasted Warbler / Dendroica castanea 2. Number: 1 ♀
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: Lower Duxon Dam 4.3 mi. S.E. of Fort Collins, Colorado
1620 to 1630 {see map}
4. Date(s): May 23, 1973 5. Time bird seen: 2000 to 2005 {see map}
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
(see accompanying Field Notes)
7. Description of voice, if heard: did not hear voice
8. Description of behavior: See accompanying Field Notes in Bay-breasted
9. Habitat--general: (Highland Duxon Dam (Waters) area--quite wooded, small pine
specific: mostly spruce & fir, some aspen below dam
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
11. Distance (how measured?): 10 to 15 feet away from observer (approx)
12. Optical equipment: 8x40 Bushnell
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
sky: Clear - angle of light from sun direct in a couple of instances
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
No previous experience. First time I identified this species
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
(BRYANT Birds of Colo. states that it is not unusual species in state and my having)
16. Other observers: none not seen this species in state before
17. Did others agree with your identification? Although David Lupton did not
see this particular individual he does agree with my identification--due to my
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none rather thorough observ-
ation of the field marks.
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this docu-
mentation: RT Bates: A Field Guide to Western Birds B&N:
Ralph S. Peck: Field Guide to Birds of Colorado Birds of Colorado
Field Guide to Western Birds of North America Wood Warblers
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used: none

Signature

Date Prepared: May 31, 1973

Street Address: 2346 Valley Forge Rd

City and State: Colorado Springs, Colo

(USE THE REVERSE, OR ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY)

School Address: 916 Westfall Hall
Fort Collins, Colo 80523

52-73-12

Accepted
GR 12/11/13

Species Accounts

(To be rewritten) - all

Dixon Dunn [just below Dunn]
5/23/73

Field Notes
taken in the
Field 5/23/73

Bay-breasted warbler p.1

Bird as seen



upper parts grayish

~~Do too. The fact that my sole
purpose on this is for the
Murrey Dove feeding study. I
did not bring a book but will
confirm or disprove upon obtaining
one or more because peak migration
is over observed: 1610-1620: Time~~

Saw bird for the
first time
at 4:10 to 4:20 pm
made tentative
ID without aid
of Field Guides

While observing Dove on nest,
suddenly a small different looking
strikes me. It has a light
cinnamon on a portion
of the breast bordered above by dark
gray lower breast is white.

I hope this is half way legible
as I did write this up in the Field plus
the fact that this is a zeroxed copy of
my notes.

THIS sheet
was prepared
in the field
5/23/73

Dixon Dam Just below Dam
5/23/73

52-73-127
Accepted
GR 12/11/73

Ball-breasted Warbler 2

1620

The bird lowered ~~his~~^{her} head
for a couple moments and suddenly
a deep chestnut crown caught my
attention. Wing bars are quite
evident. The rest of the
upper parts are generally dark
gray.

Habits like that of a warbler
and birds in the company of a
yellow rumped warbler.

Such as the
rapid movements
of a yellow-rumped
or other small
Dendroica
warbler

Generally the sunlight angle
causes observation through 8x40
field glasses to be dim. But I
did get one excellent angle of
light and observed ^{bird} at about 15 ft
distance for at least a couple
minutes ~~one instance~~. I saw
the warbler for about a total of 5 minutes
during a 10 minute period. The
bird tended to remain in the
upper (half) portion of the trees (willows)
at about 8-20 ft high

52-73-127
maple
JR 12/11/13

Come back to Dixon Dam
later that evening
Time 8:00 PM

with Field Guide - (AT 1000)
Went to E.
Rabbit Pond

Bay-breasted Warbler 3:

The bird has been confirmed
The color pattern ^{mentioned} The light
spot on the side of the breast ^{verified this}
for proof I referred to Peterson's
and Zim's Field Guides.

It seemed that this bird is a
female except she is darker
than the illustrated plates. Almost
as dark as the male picture
except upper parts are dark gray
instead of black. The bay streak
is a rich buff, cinnamon color
instead of deep chestnut. Also
noted are white patches in the
tail. Bird is seen again at
2000/Dixon Dam - trees just
below dam (willows) - habits same
as last - in top portion of
trees / Sun is lying on the mountains
horizon to the west - thus lights is
now good for observation of bird
So is the position towards bird

I emphasize
the fact that I did
see the coloration
pattern of the breast
and crown.

No other No. Am.
Warbler seems
to have this combination
of a deep chestnut crown
dark face and
light neck spots, etc.

Generally the
plumage of this bird
did seem to be
brighter than that
of the illustration
in the Field Guides.
Some males
appeared so as to be
as that of the male

I am not at all
familiar with the
plumage sequence of
this Warbler. Bent's
Life Histories of North
American Warblers does not
completely clarify this.
It perhaps is a unique
high plumaged female or
less likely a male
in eclipse, though
end of season.