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VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: BAY-BREASTED WARBLER Dendroica castanea 2. Number: 1
(Verbal name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: Front Yard - WARD AND Side - (could be termed foothills)
4. Date(s): June 3, 1973 5. Time bird seen: 8³⁰ AM to 8³⁵ AM
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):
5 1/2" - warbler contour, chestnut crown, Breast & crown
DARK Blackish FACE & BACK, DARK legs, white wing BARS
Beak DARK - whitish underparts
- I really got a very good look at this bird and obtained an
immediate positive identification - seen thru large front window
the bird sat still long enough for us to verify with picture in
book.
7. Description of voice, if heard: not heard
8. Description of behavior: Feeding off of leaves on Washington Hawthorn - hopping
lightly - WARBLER fashion - rapidly about tree -
9. Habitat - general: FRONT RURAL YARD - with 4 fruit trees - evergreens - conifers
specific: in Hawthorn Tree -
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
Chestnut-sided & Blackburnian because of vivid coloring - wing BARS, &
striped or colored head -
11. Distance (how measured?): 15 feet - estimated -
12. Optical equipment: BINOCULARS, Meiso 7x50 - 7-10'
13. Light (day, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
clear DAY. Light above BIRD - SUN DID NOT BLUR or diffuse color or
BLIND observer
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
HAVE SEEN 5 varieties of warblers - my immediate reaction was that it was
a Blackburnian Warbler -
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
one was reported in newsletter 1 wk later & was stated to be unusual
16. Other observers:
Husband & myself
17. Did others agree with your identification? yes - immediate reaction was,
"It's some kind of warbler"
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
Husband saw first - IRAN FOR BOOK & BINOCULARS
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation:
Nat'l Geo. Song & GARDEN BIRDS - color picture verified sitting
Peterson: Field Guide to Western BIRDS
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:
- Doris R. Robertson Street Address: 1225 Cimarron
Signature
Date Prepared: Sept 3, 1973 City and State: Loveland, Colo. 80537.

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