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VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: BAY-BREASTER WARBLER Dendroica castanea 2. Number: 1 ♂
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: Backyard, 4450 South Alton Street, Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co.
4. Date(s): June 16, 1973 5. Time bird seen: 8:15 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.-MDT
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):
Warbler-shape; thin warbler bill; Dark, rich chestnut throat, breast and flanks and top of head. face and ear area black; buffy neck patch; back and wings dark gray; black stripes on back. Two conspicuous white-wing bars. Tail dark; underparts light.
7. Description of voice, if heard: Incessant, high thin call on one pitch - "seet, seet, seet";
8. Description of behavior: deliberately worked through trees and shrubs for about four hours, intermittantly flitting from branch to branch.
9. Habitat-general: residential area
specific: Cottonwoods, Horsechestnut, lilac
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
no other species resembles it closely; Chestnut-sided Warbler has a yellow crown; Cape May has yellow breast and rump.
11. Distance (how measured?): 50'-150' estimated.
12. Optical equipment: 10x50 Bushnell Binoculars
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
Clear bright, day; sun at back; air still.
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
Seen many times in Chicago area (over 9 years) and New York City area
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
Knowledge of rare birds in Colorado.
16. Other observers:
None
17. Did others agree with your identification?
before, May 1968 at Bonny Res., in Colorado
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation:
None.
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

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Signature
Date Prepared: June 17, 1973 City and State: Englewood, Colorado 80110

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