

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: Bay-breasted Warbler | Dendroica castanea 2. Number: 660
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: 820 Paseo Road (Near Patty Jewett Municipal Golf Course)
4. Date(s): 29 May 1978 5. Time bird seen: 8:00 am to 12:00 noon
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): Approximately 5 inches (hard to estimate), warbler shaped bill & body; white under-tail patches, pale belly, rusty sides and at base of neck in front; chestnut ~~throat~~ with black cheek patches; very distinct light-colored rump at sides & back of head; streaky back, dark color. The photograph of the warbler in the Audubon Field Guide was by far the best representation of I could find and matched very nearly with what I saw. I did not see the color of the legs or feet.
7. Description of voice, if heard: Rapid series of high "tseet" sounds, run together.
8. Description of behavior: Actively feeding in elm tree - typically warbler-like. Perched for a few moments on a branch over my head and sang several times.
9. Habitat - general: Urban
specific: Back yard
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 & 8 above; Explain: Thought it might be a Chestnut-sided at first glance, from rusty sides but ruled it out after closer observation. Also a Blackturnian but too young.
11. Distance (how measured?): Estimated by eye - 30-40 feet from where I was standing.
12. Optical equipment: 8x30 Binoculars
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer): Morning sun, clear sky, no wind; sun behind me as I observed the bird. Good light.
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: None with this one - just the Chestnut-sided in New York state.
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? From the distribution range maps, comments in Birds of Colo. (Bailey & Niedrach) and CFO check list.
16. Other observers: None
17. Did others agree with your identification?
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: Birds of North America, Robbins et al. Birds of Colorado, Bailey & Niedrach, Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds, John Bull; —
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

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Signature
Date Prepared: 7 June 1978 City & State: Colo. Springs, Colo.

I heard the bird before sighting it and knew immediately that it was a new visitor. Upon ~~hearing~~ listening to the Cornell Lab. Tapes, it seemed without question that the voice was definitely that of a Bay-Breasted Warbler. The bird stayed in the neighborhood for at least 24 hours or more. I heard it the following day, but because of the low sun to the west and a strong breeze, I was unable to locate the bird visually again.

Field Guide To Bird Songs of Eastern and Central N.A., Cornell Lab of Ornithology.