

## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☒UNUSUAL RECORD ☒ and Photos

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Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Bay-breasted Warbler, Dendroica castanea  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 5/17/90Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: alternate (breeding)Latilong: 11 Distribution Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Habitat Code: \_\_\_\_\_Locality: \_\_\_\_\_ Elevation: 5400'Nearest town: Wheat Ridge County: JeffersonTime(s) observed: late afternoonDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 20 minutes

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

None

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Dick Schaller and others on 5/16

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Overcast, not rainingOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Bushnell 10x40 customDistance and how measured: 15 feet, by cameraIf photographed, type of equipment and film: Pentax K1000 w. signing 400 lens, Fujichrome 100 filmWho else photographed the bird: None

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

Foraging between 10 + 50' above ground

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

Known as warbler by size, shape, ~~pattern~~ bill shape + actions.Pictures adequately show all important field marks. Noteworthy - orange-buff (bay) colored throat + sides with no streaking in them, pale patch



Description (continued): (very light tan) behind black on crown  
+ sides of face, wingbars.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

I did not hear it.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

Foraging in cottonwoods (with ♂ Black-throated Green)

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

pale neck spot eliminates all but Cape May. Lack of any yellow  
on plumage is very distinct.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

1 other ♂ Bay Breasted in Colorado, hundreds in Midwest + Texas  
over last 10 years

List books, illustration, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) At time of observation: None

b) After observation: Geographic + others (mostly for fun)

This report was written from reports made during \_\_\_\_\_, after observation \_\_\_\_\_, from memory ✓ + photos

Date and time report was written: 2/26/91

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