

## APPENDIX II

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS  
FOR  
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDSSpecies: Bay-breasted Warbler ; Dendroica castanea  
(Vernacular name) (Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students -- those studying occurrences 50 years from now -- must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Dates (s): 22, 23 Sept 1990 Time Bird Seen: various to \_\_\_\_\_Locality: Olive MarshPueblo, Colo.

Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: Nikon 9x30 binocs.If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: -Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: female Plumage: imm.Light conditions: various, good; sunnyDistance from bird, and how measured: 50-100' feet estimated

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

Seen always with Pine Warblers; active, gleaning along twigs and foliage high in trees.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

Riparian woodland

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough). Describe what you actually saw in the field. Small warbler, about 5" long. Short-tailed with smaller tail spots than Pine Warbler. Very dull, plain warbler overall. Dull, pale tan below; most of tan below on flanks, neck and undertail coverts. Flanks unstreaked with no trace of chestnut color. Dirty yellow face w/ obscure pale superciliary. Streaked dull greenish crown. Back dull greenish-gray with brighter green nape. I was unable to see back clear enough to see if it was streaked. Wing blackish with 2 clear distinct white wing bars. Legs and feet black.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

Not heard

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Pine Warbler has unstreaked crown, yellow below w/ white undertail coverts. Blackpoll was pink legs, usually, streaked flanks, white undertail coverts.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

I've seen all Dendroica except Kirtland's Warbler

This report was written from notes made during        after        observation;  
from memory       .

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