

APPENDIX II

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS
FOR
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDS

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Species: 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): 20 May 1991 Time Bird Seen: 8:00 am to 12:00 noonLocality: Hannah RanchFountain, Colo.

Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: Nikon 9x30 binocs

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: one Sex: male Plumage: breedingLight conditions: Excellent, sunnyDistance from bird, and how measured: 30-100' estimatedDescribe the bird's overall behavior: Foraging in crowns of deciduous trees; singing repeatedly. Also seen closer to ground as it fed in a dense ash tree.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

Deciduous woodland

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

John, Inez and Bill Prather; Cindy Lippincott; Toni Brevellier & others.

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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, slender-tailed, about 5" long, with slender pointed bill. Multicolored. Black face, chestnut crown, whitish patch on side of neck. Breast & flanks chestnut colored. Rest of undersides creamy yellow. Upperparts blackish. Two white wingbars*

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

Song is series of rapid high notes.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Chestnut-sided Warbler has white throat, yellow crown, white underparts.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

I've seen one male Bay-breasted Warbler in Colorado & several in migration in Texas and Illinois.

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

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