

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM
(Please print or type. Attach photographs, drawings, and additional pages if necessary.)9-22 Sep 01ACCEPTEDSpecies: Bay-breasted Warbler Dendroica castanea
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s) of observation: 9-7-2001 Thru 9-9-2001Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Male Plumage: First FallExact location: Pond just south of Colorado City Community CenterCounty: Pueblo Nearest town: Colorado City Elevation: 6000 FeetLength of observation: 15 minutes Times(s) of observation: 9-9:05 AM (9-7-01) 8:45-8:50 AM 9-8-01Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Dave Johnson & Brandon Percival 9-9-2001Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): Same as aboveLight conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's; position): Excellent - bird NW of observer - cloudy weatherOptical equipment used: 10x40 Zeiss BinocularDistance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 25 feetWas bird photographed?: No If so, have you submitted photographs? _____

Who took the photographs? _____

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred:

Small pond on golf course surrounded by dense willows, elms, and cottonwoods

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification):

Bird foraged slowly towards center of willow. On 9-8 & 9-2001 bird foraged on ground near pond's edge.

Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird(s) in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings, and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Describe other details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes):

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Describe bird's call or song:

No sound made

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

Fall Blackpoll warblers tend to be more streaked on crown & breast, plus lack Chestnut Flanks. Blackpolls have white undertail coverts + often light colored legs & feet. Fall Pine Warblers have dull wing bars, unstreaked backs, & lack Chestnut Flanks.

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

I have seen many Bay-breasted Warblers in all plumages in Missouri & Illinois. I've seen a few Fall Bay-breasts in Colorado.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):

Dunn & Garrett, Warblers of North AmericaThis report was made from notes made during r or after _____ observation, or later from memory _____Date of written report: 9-7-2001Reporting observer: David Silverman Signature: David SilvermanObserver's address: P.O. Box 362 Rye, CO 81069Send report to: Bill Lisowsky, 2919 Silverplume Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80526

9-10-01
Description: This bird was fairly large for a warbler. It was chunky and short-tailed. It was about the size of a yellow-rumped warbler but huskier.

Head and crown were dull yellow and unstreaked. A dull olive ~~eye~~ eye line did not extend all the way to bill, but just beyond the eye. There was no obvious eye ring.

Back was olive green with distinct dark streaks suggestive of a male. Females have less distinct streaks on back.

Breast was lemon yellow becoming paler yellow in lower belly & undertail coverts. Lower flanks were fused with chestnut buff. Underparts had no streaks.

Wings were dark with two distinct, broad white wing bars on each wing. Tail was dark on top, white underneath.

Bill was fairly thick for warbler with dark upper mandible & lighter lower mandible.

Legs and feet were dark.

On 9-8-2001 I observed a string of white crescents on lower part of folded wing extending into primaries. Bold white tail spots were also observed at corners of tail tip.

On 9-9-2001 Dave Johnson & Brandon Percival observed bird with me at same location about 8:45-8:50 AM