

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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

Species: PINE WARBLER

(Vernacular Name)

DENDROICA PINUS

(Scientific Name)

Date(s): 14 MAY, 1978Number of birds seen: 1Sex: ♀

Plumage: _____

Locality: BONNY RESERVOIR SRAElevation: CA 3500 FTNearest town: JDALIACounty: YUMATime(s) observed: CA 11:30 - 2:00 PM, NOT CONTINUOUSLYDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.) CA 15 MINUTES

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

PETER GENT - 933 E. MOORHEAD CIR. #2F BOULDER, COLO. 80302 494-175

BRUCE WEBB - #3 CHAULTAUGUA BOULDER, COLO. 80302 444-7907

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

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

FRONT- AND SIDELIGHTED IN STRONG SUNLIGHT AND OCCASIONAL SHADEOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10X50MM BINOCULARSDistance, and how measured: 20-50 FT (CAMERA RANGEFINDER)

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird? _____

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

ARBOREAL, PREFERRING OPEN PARTS OF DECIDUOUS TREES, BELOW CROWNS; FREQUENTED THE FORKS WHERE LARGE BRANCHES DIVERGED FROM TRUNKS. CREPT AROUND THESE FORKS, THOUGH NOT ON TRUNKS; CREEPING BEHAVIOR LESS PRONOUNCED THAN IN D. DOMINICA, MORE SO THAN IN OTHER CONGENERS. ACTIVE. TAME, ALLOWING CLOSE APPROACH BY OBSERVERS. FLIGHTS SHORT, TREE TO TREE, RARELY OVER 50 FT IN DISTANCE.

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:

SIZE AND SHAPE - SIMILAR TO D. CORONATA

UPPERPARTS - UNIFORM OLIVE-BROWN, DARKENING SLIGHTLY ON WINGS AND TAIL; FAINTLY GRAYER POSTERIORLY. EACH WING WITH 2 CONSPICUOUS WHITE BARS; DORSUM ENTIRELY UNMARKED, THOROUGHLY UNSTREAKED. UPPER SIDE OF TAIL WITH 1 LARGE, SQUARISH, WHITE SUBTERMINAL SPOT ON EACH SIDE (MOST VISIBLE WHEN BIRD SPREAD TAIL JUST BEFORE ALIGHTING).

HEAD - PALE YELLOW SUPERCILIUM, DUSKY EYELINE; CHEEKS OLIVE-GRAY, SHADING TO OLIVE-BROWN ON POST AURICULARS. EYERING NARROW, PALE YELLOW ABOVE (BLENDING INTO SUPERCILIUM), WHITE BELOW. MARKINGS OBSCURE, BUT VISIBLE AT CLOSE RANGE.

EYE - BLACKISH

BILL - SMALL, SLENDER, POINTED, BLACKISH (MUCH LIKE THAT OF CONGENERS)

(OVER)

Description, (continued)

UNDERPARTS - GENERALLY DIRTY WHITE FROM BILL TO UNDERTAIL COVERTS; BREAST ONLY WITH A PALE YELLOW WASH; BLURRED, OBSCURE, DUSKY STRAKS ON BREAST, SPARSER TOWARD CENTER OF BREAST; THROAT, BELLY, SIDES, FLANKS, UNDERTAIL COVERTS DIRTY WHITE, UNSTREAKED. UNDERSIDE OF TAIL LARGELY WHITISH.

TAIL - SLIGHTLY NOTCHED; LENGTH OF TAIL SIMILAR TO THAT OF D. CORONATA.

TARSI - DARK FLESH-GRAY; FLESHY HIGHLIGHTS VISIBLE ONLY IN DIRECT SUNLIGHT AND AGAINST DARK BACKGROUND.

TOES - GRAY-BLACK IN ANY LIGHT AND AGAINST ANY BACKGROUND.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): NONE HEARD

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

DECIDUOUS LAKESIDE THICKET; 6-15 FT ABOVE GROUND IN DECIDUOUS TREES. STAYED BELOW CROWNS OF TREES, PREFERRING INSTEAD THE MAJOR FORKS AND BASES OF LARGER BRANCHES.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

D. CASTANEA - BUFFY UNDERTAIL COVERTS, STREAKED DORSUM.

D. STRIATA - BUFFY TO YELLOW FEET, STREAKED DORSUM.

ALL OTHER PARULIDAE BY COMBINATION OF UNSTREAKED DORSUM; OBSCURE HEAD PATTERN; WHITE WINGBARS, TAIL SPOTS AND UNDERTAIL COVERTS; RUMP CONCOLOR WITH BACK; CREEPING NATURE.

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

NONE WITH D. PINUS; HAVE OBSERVED A FEW EXAMPLES OF D. CASTANEA AND D. STRIATA IN SPRING ♀ PLUMAGE AND ONE ESPECIALLY DRAB EXAMPLE OF D. STRIATA IN FALL PLUMAGE.

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

a) at time of observation: DISCUSSED BIRD FREELY WITH OTHER OBSERVERS DURING OBSERVATION, BUT NO FIELD GUIDE WAS AVAILABLE.

b) after observation: USUAL FIELD GUIDES; MOST HELPFUL WRITTEN SOURCE WAS GODFREY'S BIRDS OF CANADA. EXAMINED SPECIMENS IN BOTH THE DMNH AND CU COLLECTIONS.

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

Date and time report was written: 5/15/78; 7:15 PM

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