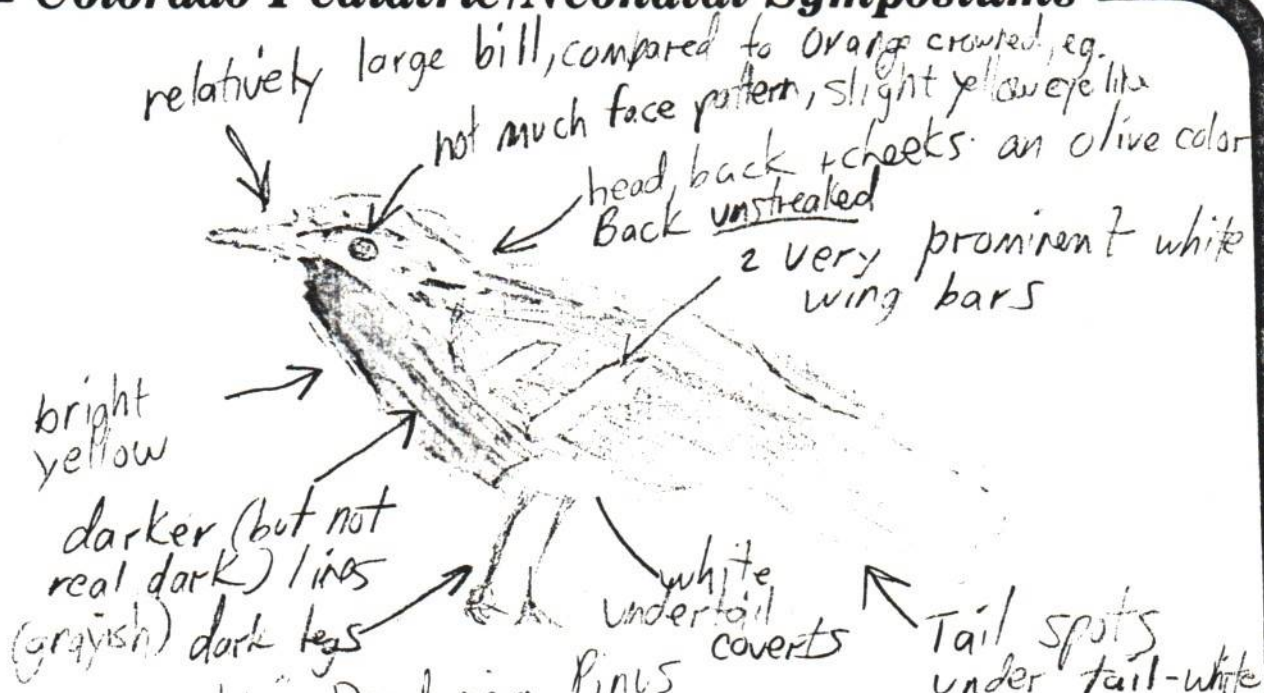


## Colorado Pediatric/Neonatal Symposiums



Pine Warbler, *Dendroica pinus*

On 8/31, at Barr lake, David Martin + I identified a bird which we determined to be an adult Pine warbler.

The key points were:

- Bright yellow throat - w/p Bay Breasted + ~~Blackgill~~ not so bright
- unstreaked, olive colored back
- Tail spots + Bill shape - not confusable with Yellow Throated
- White undertail to in front of legs - eliminates many t/p warblers

- lack of a prominent face pattern
- 2 broad white wingbars - a distinctive field mark when combined with bright yellow throat

Ecology - in willows from 4' to 20' above ground, a unique habit of staying near to the trunk. not a real active bird. Observed for 10 minutes under optimal understory light at 9:00 a.m.

Voice; a loud, low zzip - similar to Wilson's, eg. Size, at least 1/2" larger than an orange crowned in field of view at same time

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Dear Peter,

I have been keeping track of the Eastern Screech-Owls in Wheatridge greenbelt for the past 2 years. There are at least 5 pairs there, and probably 6 pair. They are resident (as you would expect) because I have seen them in all seasons. I point this out because Eastern Screech-Owls are not reported in Colorado Bird Distribution Latilong Study in latilong 11 where Wheatridge greenbelt is located. On August 13, 1985 I observed 5 Eastern Screech-Owls in Wheatridge greenbelt after dark.

On August 20 Duane Nelson discovered a Prothonotary warbler in an unbirded (except by Duane) isolated clump of trees in Wheatridge greenbelt. This bird was observed by many people for two days. Enclosed is his description of the bird.

On August 31 at 9:00 AM Duane Nelson and I observed a male Pine Warbler on the east side of Barr Lake. This is a new latilong record for latilong 12. A description of this bird follows:

First located by call, a loud low zzip, this bird was a warbler because of its bill shape. Its bill was larger, however, than that of an Orange Crowned Warbler seen in the same field of view. It had two very prominent white wing bars with a yellow throat and breast and white undertail coverts to the area in front of the legs. This bird was unmarked on the face except for a faint eye line and a brighter area not completely surrounding the eye. The head, cheeks, and back, were an olive color with the back being unstreaked. It had tail spots on the underside of the tail, and dark gray legs. The yellow throat was framed by a very delicate necklace that would have passed as light breast streaking if the bird had not turned and stared directly at me. This streaking was more pronounced towards the flanks. This bird was observed for about 10 minutes in bright shade as it foraged on the trunks and major limbs of willows trees, almost in the fashion of a Brown Creeper. He was observed from 4 to 20 feet off the ground from a distance of 20 to 50 feet.

The similar species were eliminated as follows;

Yellow-throated Vireo. Our bird had a warbler bill, not a vireo bill.

Townsend's Warbler, immature female. Our bird had tail spots, no cheek patch, very wide prominent wing bars.

Fall plumaged Blackpoll Warbler. Our bird had dark legs, no line through eye, brighter yellow on breast.

Fall plumaged Bay-breasted Warbler. Our bird had Brighter yellow on breast, white under tail coverts.

Enclosed is Duane's descriptions of this warbler

Yours truly,

  
David E. Martin