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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒Submitted only because of
request in Katling publication

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

Species: Pine Warbler | Dendroica pinus
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date ~~set~~: October 20, 1985Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Male ?? Plumage: ImmatureLocality: Barr Lake Nature Area Elevation: 5100 ft.Nearest town: Brighton County: AdamsTime ~~set~~ observed: 2 PMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 4 minutes ±

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

None

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

It was on the rare-bird-alert, but I don't know if anyone else saw it.

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

Excellent - Sun was at my back, high in the sky.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7X binocularsDistance, and how measured: 40-50 feet estimated

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):

Feeding and moving very slowly and methodically in willows about 20 feet off the ground. The bird was very easy to observe.It was obviously a warbler with no tail flicking and no darting out to catch insects in the air like yellow-rumps do. The bird was alone not in a flock.

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 observe in the field:

The bird was obviously a warbler with very drab coloring. The only thing that stood out was two very wide, prominent white wing bars of equal width with no suggestion of a wing patch. The back was pale, olive-brown with no streaking.

description (continued): The only thing about the head that struck me was a thin ~~the~~ dark, small eye-line. The cheek was somewhat lighter than the crown with a slight yellowish tinge but no cheek patch stood out. The breast was very pale yellow with faint streaking on the sides and less so across the breast but not as a necklace. The throat was the same very pale yellow without any streaking. The belly and undertail coverts were white.

My first thought was an immature Chestnut-sided Warbler but the top of the head and back were not greenish and there was no eye ring.

Immature Blackburnian has yellowish eye-brow and facial pattern - This bird had neither. Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

No sounds at all

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

Willows along the edge of Barr Lake - which are bordered by large cottonwood trees farther away from the lake. No pines anywhere around.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? Bay breasted - Blackpoll + Blackburnian have streaked back - Chestnut-sided - see above, Townsends + Black-throated green - have much more yellow on face and a definite facial pattern. This bird had neither. Immature Cerulean has yellowish eyebrow. This bird had no eyebrow. Black-throated gray has no yellow. This bird did not have a yellow rump and it did not flick its tail.

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

Saw 6-8 Pine Warblers in southern Louisiana feeding in pines in January 1985

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

a) at time of observation: Golden guide

b) after observation: National Geographic

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____ from memory X
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