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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Species: Pine Warbler | Dendroica pinus
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date ~~of~~: September 7, 1986Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Female? Plumage: fallLocality: Willow grove just below dam at Riverside Reservoir Elevation: 4500'Nearest town: Masters (to the south) County: WeldTime ~~of~~ observed: 11 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 3 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)

None

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

Overcast, light mist, no sun but light fairly good.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7X binocularsDistance, and how measured: 100 feet estimatedIf 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):

First it flew out into a sunflower patch and fed for a minute. When I tried to move closer it flew back up into a large cottonwood and fed for 2 minutes. Then I lost it.

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:

Warbler-vireo size, with a prominent yellow throat and prominent wing bars. Upon more careful study, I could see faint streaking on the sides of the throat and upper breast on the edges of the yellow. The back was unstreaked, plain, light brown. There was a fairly prominent, brown eye-line. I did not see any eye ring. The bird did not flick its tail. Undertail coverts and lower breast were white.

Description (continued):

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Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

None

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

A good cottonwood-willows warbler trap with no pines for miles around.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

at first I thought the bird might be a yellow-throated Vireo but it did not have yellow spectacles or a heavy bill. My next thought was a Blackburnian but it had no ear-patch or streaking on the back. It was not a Prairie Warbler because it had no eye-ring and did not flick its tail. It was not a Townsend's because it had no eye-patch and the streaking on the sides of the breast was too faint.

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

It was not a yellow-throated or Green's Warbler because the yellow came too far down the breast and these birds don't have faint streaking on the sides of the breast.

It was not an immature Bay-breasted or Blackpoll because there was too much yellow.

I reported a Pine Warbler on 20 Oct 85 at Barr Lake and have seen Pine Warblers in Louisiana.

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

a) at time of observation: When bird flew away I looked at Golden Guide

b) after observation: only Golden Guide. After this write-up I looked at my old 20 Oct 85 report. This bird had much more yellow than last year's bird.

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____ from memory X
Date and time report was written: 8 Sept 86 12 noon

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