

APPENDIX II

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS
FOR
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDS

Species: Pine Warbler ; Dendroica pinus
(Vernacular name) (Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students -- those studying occurrences 50 years from now -- must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Dates (s): 22, 23 Sept 1990 Time Bird Seen: various to _____

Locality: Olive Marsh

Pueblo, Colo.

Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: Nikon 9x30 binoculars

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: male Plumage: imm

Light conditions: various; but good; sunny

Distance from bird, and how measured: Estimated 50-150 feet.

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

Somewhat lethargic for a warbler; reminiscent of a vireo in actions. Worked along larger branches, usually on lower edges of upper stories of foliage. Occ. in small branches, twigs, leaves. Picked at insects and made a few short flights to new locations.

Riparian woodland.

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

Dan Bridges (?); Brandon Percival; Sylvia Wharlock

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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough). Describe what you actually saw in the field. About 5 1/2" long; fairly large warbler, with medium length tail. Bill slender and pointed, not stout and hooked like a vireo. Head, face and back dull greenish (dusky) and plain (not streaked). Wing darker with 2 distinct white wing bars. Chin, throat and breast dull yellow, becoming white on center of belly; and undertail coverts white; flanks dull yellow. Flanks and sides of breast diffusely streaked dark (clearer on flanks; nearly gone, or very obscure on breast). Face greenish yellow, not much different in color from the back with yellower supercilium and yellow under eye and around eye. White spots under tail. Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:
Call note a strong buzzy "zzip", given infrequently.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:
Blackpoll Warbler less yellow underneath, upper parts streaked.
Bay-breasted " less yellow, streaked above, tan undertail coverts
Palm Warbler wagtail, lacks clear white wing bars, has rusty cap.

Prior experience with this and similar species:
I've seen all Dendroica warblers except Kittlunds'.

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

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