

## SPECIES:

Pine Warbler (*Dendroica pinus*)

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## DATE:

May 21, 1999

## TIME(S) OF OBSERVATION:

Observed for 10 minutes

## LOCATION:

Trees at the west end of Lake Henry

## COUNTY:

Crowley County

## OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

None

## OPTICAL EQUIPMENT I USED:

Zeiss 10X40 binoculars

## WEATHER CONDITIONS:

SKY: Mostly clear

WIND: South 0-10mph

TEMP: 58F

## BIRD/SUN ORIENTATION:

Sun shining from behind the observer and upon the bird.

## DISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED:

Estimate the bird was 60 feet away.

## NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN:

1 (one)

## SEX:

Male

**PLUMAGE:**

Full breeding plumage

**BEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR:**

The bird was initially discovered by its song and was shortly located about 2/3 up a 40 foot high cottonwood. The bird must have just completed a bath as its throat, breast and belly feathers were very wet and fluffed up. The bird was alternating preening and singing.

**SIZE:**

The bird was a little larger than nearby Yellow Warblers (*Dendroica petechia*).

**DESCRIPTION:**

Medium sized warbler with thin, pointed black bill and black eyes. Bright yellow throat and breast (due to wet feathers it was hard to discern if the throat and breast were "clean" and not streaked or smudged). Sides of breast and flanks appeared heavily streaked (but some of this was probably due to the birds wet, fluffed-up condition). Belly and flanks and undertail coverts white. Back crown and nape gray-green. Wings grayish with two prominent white wingbars. Thin yellow supercilium extending back and fading as it reach the nape.

**VOCALIZATION:**

The bird sang many times; a distinctive trill of weak notes all on one pitch

**ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:**

Blue-winged Warbler - Extensive yellow on crown and black mask. Call not a trill.

All other spring male warblers eliminated by plumage and/or song.

**PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:**

Have seen almost all of the regularly occurring North American Warblers that are similar.

Have seen Pine Warblers in Arkansas on their breeding grounds and in January 1998 along the Arkansas River in Pueblo.

**BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADVICE CONSULTED THAT INFLUENCED THIS REPORT:**

Peterson's "Western Birds", Third Edition, was consulted for scientific names used in this report.

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