

2002-136

ACCEPTED

PIWA, 2nd bird

7 May 2002

1 male alternate/breeding plumage

Fairmount Cemetery, Lamar, Prowers county, Colorado

Observed for 15 minutes with 10x binoculars. Seen by several other observers for a few days, others also noted the bird singing.

Good light and the bird was close, 3-10 meters away.

The bird was detected as it foraged low in a pine tree only a few meters above my head. I was first called to this spot by the bird's call note a strong "tsook". During my observation the bird was always by itself. The bird foraged methodically through the outer braches of the pine trees.

A large Dendroica warbler that was yellow below and olive above with gray wings and 2 conspicuous white wing bars. The bird's bill was grayish and fairly heavy for a warbler. The tail was olive with 2 conspicuous white spots. The bird flicked its tail occasionally to reveal these spots nicely. Lower belly and vent were white. Throat, breast and upper belly were bright yellow. Sides of neck with olive streaking continuing to the sides of the breast feathers. Upperparts plain olive. A slight yellow supercilium was obvious before the eye but barely noticeable posterior to the eye. A faint broken eyering was noticed around the eye, it was yellowish-white. Wings grayish-blue with 2 big wing bars formed by the greater and median covert edges.

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