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PIWA, 1st bird

19 April 2002

1 male alternate/breeding plumage

Fairmount Cemetery, Lamar, Prowers county, Colorado

Observed for 10 minutes with 10x binoculars also seen by Stacey Campbell. A couple from MA also saw the bird on 22 April, Bob and Dana Fox.

Good light and the bird was close, 5-20 meters away.

The bird was detected in a small mixed species flock (mostly YRWA) in a mix of deciduous and pine trees. The bird responded by coming towards the observers when I pished and imitated an EASO. The bird sang several times during our observation. The song was a musical trill that rose slightly differentiating it from the numerous Chipping Sparrows singing in the cemetery.

A large Dendroica warbler that was yellow below and olive above. The bird's bill was blackish above and gray below and fairly heavy for a warbler. The bright yellow throat and breast was marked by olive streaking from the sides of the throat to the sides of the breast. The belly and undertail were white. The upperparts were olive with the exception of the wings and tail which were grayish-blue. The wings had 2 whitish wingbars and the tail had tailspots typical of all Dendroica warblers. The exact pattern of these spots was not noticed.

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