

Accepted JR 9/18/74

Species: PROTHONOTARY WARBLER

52-74-34

Protonotaria citrea

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 12, 1974

(5-18-74 thru 5-29-74)

Time Bird Seen: 2:30 pm to ~ 3:00 pm

Locality: CLAYMORE LAKE, LARIMER COUNTY

Nearest Town: FORT COLLINS (LAKE 2 M. NW) County: LARIMER COUNTY

Other observers who identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

JACK GRUGAN

905 35th St BOLLIER, COLO (303) 449-9215

DALE STAHLAKER

(303) 491-5830

MARY GILBERT

Optical Equipment: 8X30 BINOCULARS

Light Conditions: EXCELLENT, THOUGH NOT CRUCIAL IN THIS CASE

Distance from Bird (how measured): ABOUT 8 FEET (BY EYE + PACE)

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: BREEDING, ADULT

Overall Appearance and Size: WARBLER SIZE, LARGE, BLACK BILL, GOLDEN YELLOW FRONT, WING, GRAY-BLUE, NO WING BARS

Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field):

Bill (shape and color): LARGE FOR WARBLER, BLACK

Legs (shape and color): GRAY

Crown and Forehead: ORANGISH-GOLD

Eye (color): BLACK

Nape: B GOLD-GRAY-GREEN Face: ORANGISH-GOLD Throat: SAME

Breast and Sides: SAME

Belly and Flanks: SAME, LIGHTENING OF COLOR ON FLANKS

Undertail Coverts: WHITE

Back: GRAY-GREEN FORWARD, STEEL GRAY-BLUE BACK

Wings: STEEL BLUE-GRAY

Underwings: NOT NOTED

Rump: WHITISH

Uppertail Coverts: NOT NOTED

Upper Side of Tail: GRAY, SLIGHT WHITE BORDER (PARTIAL)

Under Side of Tail: NOT NOTED

Shape of Tail: MEDIUM LENGTH, NOT NOTCHED

Voice: LOUD + DISTINCTIVE TWEET, USUALLY IN SERIES OF THREES, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUBSEQUENTLY REPLICATE BY CALL

Behavior: GLEANING + FLYCATCHING IN COTONWOODS + WILLOWS

Habitat: COTONWOOD-WILLOW RIVERBOTTOM TYPE HABITAT

Prior Experience with this Species: NONE

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? BLUE-WINGED WARBLER WAS ELIMINATED EASILY, BECAUSE THIS BIRD HAD NO WING-BARS, LARGER BILL, MORE ORANGEISH COLORATION. NO OTHER BIRD VERY SIMILAR. CLOSE OBSERVATION FOR EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME MAKES THIS A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. AS BIRD WAS IN ADULT PLUMAGE, NO MISTAKE IS EVEN REMOTELY POSSIBLE.

This Report was Written From: Notes made during ☒ after    observation; Memory   

Signed: Paul Butcher Street Address: 4040 LYNDIA LANE

Date Prepared: 8 JUNE 1974 Town and State FT. COLLINS, COLO. ZIP 80521

Return to: JACK REDDALL - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110

Jack Reedelsk,

This bird has been in the Claymore lake area for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  weeks and has been seen by many people since my first sighting. The bird sings incessantly. In the last 2 weeks, the bird has become extremely shy, and while it is easily heard, it is now hard to spot it. He has not been observed to carry nesting material; a ♀ has not been seen, so nesting can not be ascertained, but should be kept in mind. I will try to continue observation of the bird as long as it remains in the area.

Paul Gentry