

Species: PROTHONOTARY WARBLER 52-75-42

Protonotaria citrea

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 11, 1975 Time Bird Seen: 3 PM to 3:30 PM

Locality: north side of Bonney Reservoir

Nearest Town: Idalia or Hale

County: Yuma

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

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Optical Equipment: 7 x 35 binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used: 35 mm Exacta with 400 mm lens plus 2x adaptor

Light Conditions: bright sun

Distance from bird (how measured): as close as 20 feet measured by camera lens

Number of Birds Seen: 2 Sex: male & f Plumage: adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

Both birds were first observed in willow about 10 feet high feeding. The male then left the female and started feeding by itself in small willows along the shore and over the water.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

Both birds were small warbler size, male having a bright gold head, throat and underparts down to the lower belly and undertail coverts which were white. The wings and tail were bluish with no wingbars. Bill was dark and rather long for a warbler. Female was like the male but a dull yellow where the male was golden.

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

The male did not sing but occasionally gave a soft chip note while feeding.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Both birds were found in a willow thicket along the shore where smaller willows were growing out from shore as far as ten feet out into the water. The female stayed in the larger trees on shore while the male fed in the smaller trees out over the water.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

No other bird has the bright gold head and breast unmarked as this species.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

I have observed this species many times in the east and southeast.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

None.

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

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