

Species: Prothonotary Warbler 52-76-43 | Protonotaria citrea  
 (Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name-use binomial)  
 Date(s): May 8, 10, 11, 12, 1976 Time Bird Seen: 8th - noon other dates - dawn or dusk for up to  
 Locality: Boulder Creek behind CU to an hour at one  
 Nearest Town: Boulder County: Boulder  
 Other observers who identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>Patty Eckelmeyer</u>	<u>30th &amp; Baseline</u>	<u>233-4947</u>
<u>Bruce Webb</u>	<u>#429 A Canyon Creek Apts</u>	<u>Boulder, CO</u>
<u>Steve Larson</u>	<u>Mapleton</u>	<u>Boulder, CO</u>
		<u>442-3752</u>

Optical Equipment: Nikon binoculars 8X30 8.5° Pentax spotmatic w/200mm lens  
 Light Conditions: excellent  
 Distance from Bird (how measured): to within estimated 5 feet  
 Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: adult  
 Overall Appearance and Size: vivid yellow-orange warbler, 4" to 5" long

Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field):  
 Bill (shape and color): black, unusually large for a warbler  
 Legs (shape and color): black  
 Crown and Forehead: deep yellow-orange Eye (color): black  
 Nape: deep yellow-orange Face: deep yellow-orange Throat: deep yellow-orange  
 Breast and Sides: deep yellow-orange  
 Belly and Flanks: yellow  
 Undertail Coverts: white  
 Back: gray-green  
 Wings: gray-blue, no wing bars  
 Underwings:  
 Rump:  
 Upper Side of Tail: white in tail Uppertail Coverts:  
 Under Side of Tail:  
 Shape of Tail:  
 Voice: loud, ascending notes; only heard twice, otherwise it was silent

Behavior: Keeping next to water, feeding along ground and in low foliage; shy, liked areas of dense vegetation best  
 Habitat: streamside, deciduous  
 Prior Experience with this Species: none, but very familiar with yellow warbler and familiar with blue-winged warbler

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? blue-winged warbler has wing-bar and no white in tail. Yellow warbler has faint red streaking on breast and no white in tail. Both of these warblers are a different yellow; prothonotary appeared almost orange. Its bill was very striking - seemed large, black color very vivid against yellow-orange face.

This Report was Written From: Notes made during ☒ after observation; Memory  
 S: Narcis Schior Street Address: 4475 N. Broadway #11  
 D: July 7, 1976 Town and State: Boulder, CO ZIP: 80302



COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD REPORT  
☒ RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD ☐ NEW STATE RECORD

CFO-ORC FILE NO. 52-76-43  
☒ ACCEPTED ☐ REJECTED *9/27/76*

Species: PROTHONOTARY WARBLER

*Protonotaria citrea*

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 8, 1976

Time Bird Seen: approx. 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM

Locality: along Boulder Creek ~~between~~ footbridge going to athletic fields and Folsom Ave.

Nearest Town: Boulder (within town area) County: Boulder

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

NARCA DEWOSKIN SCHON

449-5985

LARRY WIDHELM

442-7384

ETC. !!

Optical Equipment: 7X35 BINOCULARS

If photographed, type of equipment used: -

Light Conditions: CLEAR SKY - SHADE and SUN areas

Distance from bird (how measured): from 60-30 feet (ESTIMATION)

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: M Plumage: Full adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

Actively searching through bushes and trees. Constantly on the move. Quiet.

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:

First impression was -- 'Only a prothonotary could be that color'!  
- yellow/orange on head and neck <sup>down to belly</sup> - warbler size and actions -  
- gray wing and tail with no wing bars - no other field marks noted except lack of streaks, stripes, spots, etc. - greenish back and tail seen but brilliant color of head, chest, etc. was the first (and lasting) impression.

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

not heard

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Stream bank, mixed deciduous trees, much underbrush, few coniferous

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Looked in both Peterson and Birds of North America immediately

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

- ✓ Discarded northernmost record bird for California (Dec. 3, 1967) near Big Six - photographed later by local experts.
- ✓ (April 30, 1967) D.F.O. field trip near Plattville, Colo. - Marjorie Lee Leaden

Had seen my first blue-winged warbler in Philadelphia (Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> '66) - wing bars, of course, and eye line, but somewhat similar.

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

This report was written from notes made during \_\_\_\_\_ after ✓ observation; from memory ✓

PRINT NAME: PATRICIA ECHELMEYER SIGNATURE: Patricia E. Echelmeyer DATE: June 23, 1967  
Street Address: 2695 NEWLAND ST. Town and State: DENVER, COLO. ZIP: 80214

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Species: PROTHONOTARY WARBLER

Protonotaria citrea

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 11, 1976

Time Bird Seen: 9:30 AM to 10 AM

Locality: Boulder Creek on University of Colorado campus

Nearest Town: Boulder

County: Boulder

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Patty Echelmeyer

Bruce Bosley

Narca Shor

Barry Kaapp

John and Joyce Cooper

Optical Equipment: 10 X 50 binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used:

Light Conditions: Clear, sunny weather, but bird in shade of trees most of the time

Distance from bird (how measured): Minimum estimated distance: 6 feet

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: Male Plumage: Adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

The bird very quietly and slowly was foraging on the ground, in bushes and along a rock terrace, never going more than 4 feet off the ground during the time I observed it. It was very tame and allowed a very close approach, but was not very active (for a warbler), and because of this (and in spite of its brilliant coloration), it was rather inconspicuous and easily missed.

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:

A rather large, chunky warbler, with a rather large head and short tail. Bill long and stout, black in color. Entire head, throat, breast and sides brilliant clear golden-yellow, becoming yellower (less golden) and less bright on the belly and flanks, becoming white on the undertail coverts. Back a moderate (not bright or dull) grass-green color, unmarked. Wings, uppertail coverts, rump and tail blue-gray. Eyes black. No spots, streaks, wingbars, etc. of any type anywhere on the bird.

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

I never heard the bird sing or call.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Fairly open ground and shrubbery along a series of rock terraces about 10 feet from Boulder, underneath a canopy of large willows.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Yellow or Blue-winged Warbler have wingbars. Wilson's Warbler has black cap(male) or greenish crown(female). There is really no bird that resembles a Prothonotary Warbler except remotely(such as Yellow or Wilson's).

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

I had seen Prothonotary Warblers three times(1 male, 2 females)in August 1970 in Iowa, Ohio and Wisconsin. Very familiar with Yellow and Wilson's.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?  
None

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

PRINT NAME: Robert Andrews SIGNATURE: Robert Andrews DATE: May 18, 1976  
Street Address: 1390 So Ivy Way Town and State: Denver, Colorado ZIP: 80224

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