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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD

UNUSUAL RECORD

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Prothonotary Warbler  
(Vernacular Name)

Protonotaria Citrea  
(Scientific Name)

Date(s): 04/20/91

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Male Plumage: spring-breeding

Locality: Pueblo Res (north side) about 100 feet Elevation: around 5,000  
from western

Nearest town: Pueblo, Colorado County: Pueblo

Time(s) observed: around 9:30 if I remember correctly

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 3-4 minutes

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Only my little dog "Montgomery"

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

bright sun

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7x20 Nikon

Distance, and how measured: app 10'-15' just enough not to spook the bird

If photographed, type of equipment and film: \_\_\_\_\_

Who else photographed the bird? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

It was feeding in a juniper tree - in and out of limbs -  
couple of times flew to the <sup>or bush</sup> ground then back to same tree

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

Description (continued): (yellow)

Bright golden head - blue grayish back + wings + tail  
white under tail. bright yellow - throat + belly  
long dark bill - no wing bars

With such a bright colored (yellow) head + face  
its dark eye always looks so big

Typical Warbler shape + size + habits

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

it was singing as it fed - in + out of branches  
down to the ground + back up + etc. (sings loud <sup>in a row</sup> zweets)  
Their song is familiar to me as my son lives in Louisiana  
+ I have seen several Prothonotarius + heard them sing

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

It was in a juniper bush or tree about  
8 feet high. I stood + watched for a long time  
as it fed. mostly at eye level or lower

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

1. Blue Wing Warbler - no bar wings - no dk line thru eye
2. Yellow Warbler - no streaking on breast  
(seen too many to suspect a Yellow Warbler)

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

Have seen several in the south

I knew right away what species

it was From its song + yellow yellow head + big eye

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: Golden Guide to No Am Birds

b) after observation: Peterson's Eastern Birds

This report was written from reports made during \_\_\_\_\_, after observation \_\_\_\_\_ from memory ☒

Date and time report was written: second time 07/30/93 (first time  
Spring 1991)

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