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## Colorado Field Ornithologists-Sight Record Form

Species: Prothonotary Warbler. Scientific Name: Protonotaria citrea.

Date: May 10, 1995.

Number of birds seen: 1. Sex: male. Plumage: breeding adult.

Locality: Fountain Creek Regional Park.

Nearest town: Fountain. County: El Paso.

Times Observed: 1:40-1:45PM.

Duration of observation: 5 minutes.

Other observers with me: Margi Elliot.

Other observers who saw the bird independently: Toni Brevillier (found it).

Light conditions: excellent.

Optical equipment used: 10X40 Bausch &amp; Lomb Binoculars.

Distance from bird: 20-30 feet.

Describe the bird's behavior: The bird was observed on and on near the ground along a small creek near a fishing pond under a canopy of cottonwood trees.

Describe the bird: The size was about 5 1/2 inches. The overall shape was typical warbler shape. The plumage was an adult male in breeding plumage. The color pattern is as follows: the bill was black. The head was golden yellow. The color of the face was also golden yellow. The eyes were bold and black. The color of the nape was golden yellow. The color of the back was greenish. The color of the wings were grayish brown with no different color on the wing bars. The color of the tail was grayish blue with white spots seen well when the flew from one place to another. The color of the chin golden yellow. The color of the throat was also golden yellow. The color of the breast was also golden yellow. The underparts were also golden yellow. The undertail coverts were white. The legs and feet were black. The shape of the bill was short though longer then most warblers and thin and pointed. The shape of the wings and tail were typical warbler shape. I identified this bird by the bird's warbler shape, golden yellow head, face, throat, chin, belly, breast, flanks, and by the bird's greenish back and by the grayish blue wings and tail. Also by the bird's white spots in the tail and by the bird's white undertail coverts.

Describe the bird's song and calls: The bird did not make any sounds.

Describe the habitat: The bird was observed along a small creek, near a fishing pond, along the bank of the creek which was under a canopy of cottonwood trees. The bird was at the Fountain Creek Regional Park (Exit 132) off I-25 south of Colorado Springs, El Paso County.

How did you eliminate similar species:

Blue-winged Warbler: This species has white wing bars and a black stripe

through each eye.

"Brewster's Warbler" & "Lawrence's Warbler": Both have some type of black on the face.

All of the following species have yellow underparts like Prothonotary Warbler however they all have something that eliminates them.

Nashville, Prairie, Mourning, MacGillivray's Connecticut, Kentucky, Canada, Hooded Warblers: these species do not have an all golden-yellow face.

Yellow & Wilson's Warblers: These species do not have white undertail coverts.

What is your prior experience with this species and other similar species:

Blue-winged Warbler: I have seen one male on three different occasions at Castlewood Canyon S.P., Colorado in 1991, 1992, 1994.

Prothonotary Warbler: I have seen two previously in Colorado. 1 at Canon City on September 22, 1990. 1 at Jo Romero's Colorado Springs yard on June 3, 1993, May 21, 1994, and September 18, 1994.

Hybrid Golden-winged/Blue-winged: I have not seen either species.

Nashville Warbler: I have seen 12 in Colorado.

Prairie Warbler: I have seen one female in Colorado.

Mourning Warbler: I have several in North Dakota.

MacGillivray's Warbler: I have seen many in Colorado.

Connecticut Warbler: I have not seen this species.

Kentucky Warbler: I have seen one male in Colorado.

Canada Warbler: I have not seen this species.

Hooded Warbler: I have seen one in Colorado.

Yellow Warbler: I have seen many in Colorado, Arizona, California, Kansas.

Wilson's Warbler: I have seen many in Colorado and Kansas.

List Books if helped with the identification: National Geographic Society's Bird's of North America and Warblers of the Americas.

This report was made with notes taken during sighting.

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