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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: PROTONOTARY WARBLER | PROTONOTARIA CITREA
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

Date(s): MAY 20 & 1997

Number of birds seen: ONE Sex: MALE Plumage: BREEDING

Locality: GREGORY TRAIL PARKING LOT Elevation: 5500'

Nearest town: BOULDER County: BOULDER

Time(s) observed: 6:40 → 7:00 am and 8:15 → 9:00 am

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 45 MINS

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

WILLIAM KAEMPFER, JOHN VANDERPOEL, ALEX CRUISE SR.

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

PAT POMBINO

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

BRIGHT SUNSHINE

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10x40 BINOCULARS

Distance, and how measured: 10 YDS MINIMUM

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):

FEEDING AND SINGING IN MID-STORY OF TREES.

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 observe in the field:

THIS WAS A SMALLISH, ARBOREAL BIRD. MOST STRIKING WAS THAT MOST OF THE BODY AND HEAD WERE A VERY BRIGHT YELLOW.

Description (continued):

THIS CONTRASTED SHARPLY WITH A LARGE, BLACK EYE AND A BLACK BILL, WHICH WAS VERY LONG FOR A WARBLER. THE UNDERTAIL COVERTS WERE WHITE. THE WING AND TAIL WERE BLUE, WITH NO WING BARS. I DID NOT NOTICE THE LEG COLOR, AS I WAS BLINDED BY THE BODY COLOR.

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

BIRD SANG REPEATEDLY A S NOTE SONG WITH A RISING ~~INFLECTION~~ INFLECTION.

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

RIPARIAN VEGETATION IN A FOOTHILLS CANYON OF THE FRONT RANGE.
How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

THERE REALLY IS NOTHING ELSE LIKE PROTONOTARY WARBLER. BLUE-WINGED WARBLER HAS A BLACK LINE THROUGH ITS EYE, AND WING BARS.

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

SEEN THIS WARBLER SEVERAL TIMES ELSEWHERE, ONCE BEFORE IN COLORADO.

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

a) at time of observation: NONE

b) after observation:

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation ☒ from memory _____
Date and time report was written: MAY 21ST, 1997 8:30pm

Reporting observer: PETER R. GENT Signature: Peter R. Gent

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