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## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

Results: ACCEPT 7-0Species: **Prothonotary Warbler**  
(Common Name)***Protonotaria citrea***  
(Scientific Name)

Date(s) of occurrence: 09/08/1999

Number of birds seen: 1

Sex: M

Plumage: Fall

Exact location: Below the Dam at Prewitt Res

County: Washington

Nearest town: Marino

Elevation:

Length of Observation: 20min+  
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Time(s) of Observation: 9:20-10:50am (I

Other observers who saw the bird with you: None

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): None

Light conditions [quality; direction relative to bird(s) position]: Good, behind the  
bird at first then all over the other times I saw it through the time I was there.

Optical equipment used: Swarovski 10x42 SLC Bins

Distance from bird (estimated unless otherwise noted): From 10-30ft

Was the bird photographed: No

If so, have you submitted photos?

Who took the photographs?

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: Wet, rusian  
olive, cottonwood, low streamside brush.Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the  
species or in supporting the identification):: It was feeding by picking insects of the  
leaves, branches, etc. It would now and then hang upsidedown on a branch, or cling  
on the side of a tree.Describe the bird in detail: This is the most important part of this report. Include overall  
size and shape, and how you placed the bird in the general group that you did. Give

complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings, and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the (bird(s). Describe other details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, etc. That were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted: you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes):

The bird was a very fat warbler. It was the size of a Yellow-rumped Warbler maybe a little bigger. It was clearly a warbler. No question!! It was a fall adult male. The bird was a bright yellow on it's head, throat, chest, belly. The head was all yellow except for the hindneck which was a little buffy. The back was a dark greenish olive as was the top of the tail. It's wings were sooty gray. Undertail coverts were white. Blackish tail tip was seen well. It's bill was a pale fleshy tan color.

Describe the bird's song and calls if heard: None

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: It was not a Yellow Warbler, I know this because it had a dark back, wings and tail. White undertail coverts. Too big, fat to be a yellow. Not a goldfinch.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species: Seen plenty of these. A very common bird in southern Illinois. I did some nest surveys with this bird for a year. Handled nestlings and adult birds through there time in IL. I've seen every plumage .

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced you identification (during and after observation): Nat Geo Field Guide to Birds, Warblers (Dunn & Garrett)

This report was made from notes taken during ☒ X, or after ☒ X observation, or later from memory ☒ X.

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