

## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

(Please print or type. Attach photographs, drawings, and additional pages if necessary.)

ACCEPTED

Species: Prothonotary Warbler Protonotaria citrea  
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s) of observation: May 10, 2001Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Male Plumage: AdultExact location: Marsh 150 yards south of Loaf'n Jug StoreCounty: Pueblo Nearest town: Colorado City Elevation: 6000 FeetLength of observation: 5 minutes Times(s) of observation: 7:25-7:30 AMOther observers who saw the bird(s) with you: NoneOther observers who independently saw the bird(s): NoneLight conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's; position): Bird south of observer in shaded areaOptical equipment used: 10x40 Zeiss BinocularDistance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 15 yardsWas bird photographed?: No If so, have you submitted photographs? \_\_\_\_\_

Who took the photographs? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred:

Small pond surrounded by dense willows and understory with a few cottonwoods

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification):

Bird foraged low to ground near water around fallen logs & trees

Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird(s) 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. 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):

This bird had solid golden yellow head, breast and belly. Prominent beady black eye and slim black beak contrasted with yellow head. Its back was light green. Wings and short tail were slaty blue gray. Undertail coverts were white. Legs were dark. Prominent white tail spots visible when bird flew.

Describe bird's call or song:

None

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

Blue-winged Warbler has white wing bars and black eye line.Bird I saw had no wing bars nor eye line.

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

I have seen many Prothonotaries and Blue-winged Warblers in Missouri and a few of each in Colorado.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):

National Geographic 3rd edition + Dunn + Garrett, WarblersThis report was made from notes made during ✓ or after \_\_\_\_\_ observation, or later from memory \_\_\_\_\_Date of written report: 5-13-01Reporting observer: David Silverman Signature: David SilvermanObserver's address: P.O. Box 362 Rye CO 81069Send report to: Bill Lisowsky, 2919 Silverplume Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80526