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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: Blackburnian Warbler - Dendroica fusca

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name)

Date(s): May 18, 1983Number of birds seen: 1 (one) Sex: male Plumage: breedingLocality: Foster's Grove, Bonny Res Elevation: ?Nearest town: Idalia County: YumaTime(s) observed: 6:00 P.M.Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 2 min.Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
Jeanne A. Halsey

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):
heavy overcast, no direct sunlightOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7X50 BinocularsDistance, and how measured: 20 feet, estimated

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):
the bird was actively feeding among the top branches of the cedar 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:

The bird was typical warbler shape and appeared smaller than nearby Yellow-rumped Warblers. The bird's most ~~most~~ distinct feature was the reddish-orange throat, face pattern, & forehead. The non reddish-orange part of the face cheeks was ~~was~~ black. The ~~the~~ black formed a patch ~~around~~ below the eye, around the forehead and continued down the nape and back. There was some black streaking along the sides. The breast, belly, & wing patch was white.

Description (continued):

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): none heard

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:
Cedar & choke cherry shelter belt, near riparian areas.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

the reddish orange throat is unique among warblers & vireos to the blackburnian

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

I have seen one other spring male blackburnian, Jeanne Halsey has seen many in Virginia & North Carolina.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification: none needed

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation:

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____ from memory X
Date and time report was written: June 22, 1983 ; 7:00

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