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DOCUMENTATION OF LATILONG PAPE BIRD SIGHTING
FOR
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDS

ACCEPTED

Species: Blackburnian Warbler
(Vernacular name)

Dendroica Fusca
(Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students--those studying occurrences 50 years from now--must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Date (s): October 10, 1993 Time Bird Seen: 9 AM to 9:30 AM

Locality: Below Dam of Lake Beckwith
Colorado City Pueblo County Colorado
Nearest town, county and state:

New latilong records not recorded in latilong #26 (Trinidad) in current latilong study

Optical equipment: 10-40X Zeiss Binoculars

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♀ Plumage: Adult

Light conditions: Good

Distance from bird, and how measured: 10-15 feet estimated

Describe the bird's overall behavior:
This bird foraged primarily in a Russian olive & apple tree. It was observed less often in willows. IT was not seen in scrub oak.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:
Marshy area below dam of Lake with willow, fruit trees, Russian oak & scrub oak.

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):
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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough.) Describe what you actually saw in the field.

Overall about yellow-rump Warbler size, perhaps slightly smaller with short slim dark bill, Olive green upper parts, bright yellow throat extending to upper chest, white belly & under tail coverts. Crown olive green as was a ~~small~~ triangular shape auricular patch. Bright yellow supercilium separated crown from auricular. Eye was dark. Back ~~was~~ streaked primarily with dark vertical lines. But two wider ^{vertical} white stripes flanked the back near the wings. They were slightly buffier than the two prominent white wing bars. Streaks on underparts were dark and mostly confined to flanks of white underparts. A few streaks extended into bright yellow at chest. Legs were dark. Tail was dark and we could see no prominent tail spots.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

Bird gave a sharp metallic chip similar to Townsend's Warbler. It delivered the call while foraging & in flight.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

~~Townsend's~~ Townsend's Warbler does not have a prominently streaked back especially in fall. It often shows dark smudge on throat & has a more prominent & larger olive green auricular patch.

Black-throated green Warbler also lacks streaked back and shows no ~~yellow~~ bright yellow on throat in fall or spring.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

I have seen many Townsend's, Black-throated greens, Blackburnian Warblers

This report was written from notes made during after observation; from memory .

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