

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: BLACKBURNIAN WRBLER / DENDROICA FUSCA
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 6th September, 1994Number of birds seen: 1 (one) Sex: M Plumage: Adult M

Latilong: _____ Distribution Code: _____ Habitat Code: _____

Locality: Barr Lake State Park Elevation: 5000 ft.Nearest town: Brighton County: AdamsTime(s) observed: 11:00 to 11:10 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 10 min.

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

NONE

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

Unknown - Reported refound on Rare Bird Alert.

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

Sunny day -- at my rear.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 8.5X4.4 Binoculars (Swift)Distance and how measured: 20 to 40 feet - est.

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):

Mostly busy foraging, but paused intermittently.

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 observed in the field:

Orange throat and face with wide black eyeline. Black upperparts with white streaks on back and outer tail. Yellow spot on forehead. White wing patches.

(over)

Description (continued): Underparts white, sides streaked. Under-
tail coverts unmarked

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:

Riparian. Cottonwoods and peach-leaf willow.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

This bird in male plumage is too distinct to confuse with
any other.

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

I have seen male Blackburnians 4 times. Oddly, last sight-
ing was 2 years ago on the same date and place!

List books, illustration, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how
this influenced your identification: National Geographic, Peterson

Western Birds, Audubon Enc. of N.A. Birds and Masterguides: xxxx
a) At time of observation: National Geographic.

b) After observation: All the above

This report was written from reports made during x, after
observation _____, from memory _____

Date and time report was written: September 6, 1994 7:00 PM

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Blackburnian Warbler Sighting
by Joe TenBrink

On September 6, 1994, I saw a male Blackburnian Warbler in the trees near the footbridge at the Nature Center at Barr Lake. It was about 11:00 AM on a bright sunny day, the sun at my back. The first thing to catch my eye was it's brilliant orange throat, which led me immediately to Blackburnian. My notes of the bird's other field marks bore this out; black cap with orange spot on forehead, upperparts black with white streaks, white wing patch and white in outer tail. Underparts white, sides streaked and undertail coverts unmarked. An easy I.D.

I was alone when I saw this bird, but it was relocated by others according to the Rare Bird Alert.

Joe Tenbrink