

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name) 1997-85

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER

DENDROICA FUSCA

DATE OF OBSERVATION	TIME OF OBSERVATION	NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN	SEX	ACCEPTED 7-0 PLUMAGE
MAY 16 1997	0955 TO 1005	ONE	MALE	BREEDING
	TO			
	TO			

LOCALITY: SW CORNER MILTON RES.

rec'd 5-22-97 ✓

ELEVATION: 4790 feet COUNTY: WEL

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THE BIRD (Names, Addresses, Telephone Number)

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OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: ZEISS 10x40

WEATHER CONDITIONS: FAIR SKIES, CALM WIND, TEMP 65-70°F

BIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: Bird was in front with sun off (Right shoulder 90°) to sun at back

DISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: 20 to 30 feet ESTIMATE

BEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR: BIRD WAS gleaning insects 15'-20' off the ground NEAR the TOP of a Willow TREE. occasionally the bird would stop to sing or preen wing or tail feathers. THE BIRD APPEARED to IGNORE other birds in the same tree (Bullock's Oriole, Yellow Warbler) AND REMAINED when the Oriole flew away. THEN the bird left independently to continue foraging in a NEAR BY Willow AGAIN working the TOP of the TREE.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION (EMPHASIS ON KEY FIELD MARKS): Relative size and shape; plumage and color pattern of head, upperparts and underparts; shape and color of bill, wings, tail, feet and legs; eye color.

The bird was approximately the same size as the near by Yellow Warbler and smaller than the Bullock's Oriole.

OVER colors were Flame Orange, Black & White.

HEAD - Black crown with ^{TRIDE} extending into nape and back surrounding a flame orange crown. Flame orange supercilium; Black lores, eye stripe and ear patch with a down ward extension of black toward the shoulder. EYE - Black. Orange supercilium curve around black ear patch down the side of neck to join a brilliant flame orange chin, throat & breast. Bill - Black - thin

Belly & under tail coverts - white.

FLANKS - white streaked with black heavier streaking, anterior fading to pure white posterior

BACK & ~~WINGS~~ - Black Wing - Black with one large white patch

TAIL - Black - getting lighter toward outside edges

LEGS - Black

HABITAT: RES. RIPARIAN = SCATTERED Willow TREES with GRASS under-
story

VOCALIZATION (call/song; how delivered-perched, in flight; frequency; duration):
Delivered perched. Three or four quick short notes in rapid succession.
(DWB)

ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

Townsend's Warbler - ♂ - has black chin, throat and breast with black
EXTENDING into flanks, solid black crown; BACK is GREENISH
STREAKED with black. Black ~~ear~~ ear patch has NO down-
WARD EXTENSION toward shoulder - usually 2 wing bars - white
♀ - should have black breast band; BACK is GREENISH
STREAKED w/ Black as is Pump - faint white wing bars
No downward extension of ear patch.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

Blackburnian - I SEE between 25-100 males ANNUALLY in
NORTHERN Minnesota

BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADVICE CONSULTED THAT INFLUENCED THIS REPORT:

NGS Birds of North America 2nd Ed.

THIS REPORT WAS WRITTEN FROM NOTES MADE DURING AFTER OBSERVATION; FROM MEMORY

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