

**COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM**

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

ACCEPTED

Species: Blackburnian Warbler Dendroica fusca  
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s) of observation: Sept 20, 2002Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♀? Plumage: Adult?Exact location: Prospect Ponds Natural Area (near Poudre River)County: Larimer Nearest town: Fort Collins Elevation: ~4900'Length of observation: ~3-4 seconds, 1 second Times(s) of observation: ~11:00 AMOther observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Rob SparksOther observers who independently saw the bird(s): None?Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's position): Good, kind of hazy, middle of the day glare.Optical equipment used: 10x42 Nikon binoculars.Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 20 metersWas 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: In a cottonwood, on a bank of a pond between trail (trail adjacent to irrigation ditch) and the pond.

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

Bird was foraging with a flock (YRWA, WWA, YWAR) of other species.

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):

Describe bird's call or song: None given.Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: See notes attached.What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I had only seen one other Blackburnian Warbler prior to this.

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

We used Stoley at the time because that is all we had.This report was made from notes made during \_\_\_\_\_ or after \_\_\_\_\_ observation, or later from memory ✓Date of written report: 2/25/03Reporting observer: JP Beason Signature: JP BeasonObserver's address: 4700 Foothill Drive Fort Collins, CO 80526

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Description of Blackburnian Warbler:

Throat was bright yellow. Yellow extended almost to belly. Dark, but not black auriculars. Yellow spot directly below eye, and dark line running through the eye. Scapulars were dark grey with lighter markings (no lines (braces) were noticed). Scapulars were not green. White undertail coverts were noted. Bright white "wing bars" were also noted.

I eliminated Townsend's Warbler based on the color of the scapulars alone. This bird did not have green scapulars.