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APPENDIX II

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS
FOR
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDS

Species: Tennessee warbler; Vermivora peregrina
(Vernacular name) (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.

Dates (s): Oct 3, 1986 Time Bird Seen: 4:07pm ~~to appear~~ 1 min

Locality: 32 1/4 Rd @ Colorado River

Clifton Colo, Mesa Co

Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: 7X35 Binoculars

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♂ ? Plumage: adult

Light conditions: Excellent - sun 60° to line of sight from behind

Distance from bird, and how measured: 20 ft - paced

Describe the bird's overall behavior: bird flew into chinese elm. flitted through the tree, apparently gleaning. Twice it flew up a few feet and returned, flycatcher fashion. Very active.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:
mixed chinese elm, russian olive, tamarisk, cottonwood along river bank

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

None

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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.

Gray head shining to olive gray. Back tail olive-gray. Underparts entirely white. Bill narrow, pointed, dark. white eyeline over very fine, short, black line through the eye. Bill chunky - almost chickadee-like. Tail short. No streaking. Very faint wingbar. Bird small - body barely larger than blue-gray gnatcatchers that were in vicinity.

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

No vocalization heard

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Warbling vireo - Size, bill shape
Orange-crowned - color

Prior experience with this and similar species:

1 seen 2 days earlier 1/2 mile away
Observed in No. Minnesota

This report was written from notes made during _____ after _____ observation;
from memory ☒ (within 48 hrs)

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