COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD 52-73-41

1. Species: Black-throated Blue Warbler - Dendroica caerulescens 2. Number: 1
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
accepted

3. Location: Northern Colorado Nature Center - East of Ft. Collins JR 12/9/73

4. Date(s): May 16, 1973 5. Time bird seen: 1530 to 1730

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
→ blue-gray back
→ Same size as redstarts that were nearby
→ black face pattern extending over eyes and below chin
→ thin white stripe on shoulder
→ unstreaked white breast - bordered by black

7. Description of voice, if heard:
not applicable

8. Description of behavior: moving through large willow tree about 10 feet off the ground and higher

9: Habitat- General: Cottonwood-Willow-Boxelder Streambottom Community
Specific: large willow tree

10: Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6,7 and 8 above; Explain:
Bl. Throated Gray - no streaking on breast Yellow Rumped - black chin
Caerulean " " " " and white breast conspicuous

11. Distance(how measured?) estimate 20-30 ft.

12. Optical Eauipment: 8X20 Zeis binocuears; 20 x Scope

13. Light(sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
I was able to move around the tree and see the bird from all directions.

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
I encountered this species frequently in deciduous woods in Maryland while I was attending school there.

15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? I refered to the accompanying list.

16. Other observers:
None

17. Did others agree with your identification? —

18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: —

19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence your documentation:
Robbins Birds of North America
Peterson Field Guide to the Birds
Niedrach and Rockwell Birds of Denver and Mountain Parks

20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

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(USE THE REVERSE SIDE, OR ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY)

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