COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD REPORT
[X] RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD [ ] NEW STATE RECORD

CFO-ORC FILE NO. 52-74-162
[X] ACCEPTED [ ] REJECTED GR 11/26/74

Species: BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER (Vernacular Name) DENDROICA CAERULESCENS (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): OCTOBER 13 1974 Time Bird Seen: 215 PM to 300 PM
Locality: NAVAL RESERVE CENTER 801 PROSPECT LAKE DRIVE
Nearest Town: COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO County: EL PASO

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

| NAME | ADDRESS | TELEPHONE |
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| MAHLON SPEERS | 1609 W. KIOWA ST COLORADO SPRINGS COLO | 632-6148 |
| MARIE SPEERS | 1609 W. KIOWA ST COLORADO SPRINGS COLO | 632-6148 |

Optical Equipment: STELLAR 7X35 BINOCULARS - COATED OPTICS (JAPANESE)
If photographed, type of equipment used: ✓
Light Conditions: GOOD, BUT IT WAS CLOUDY
Distance from bird (how measured): 25-30 FEET (ESTIMATED)

Number of Birds Seen: ONE Sex: MALE Plumage: BRIGHT FALL PLUMAGE

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor: IT WAS ACTIVELY SEARCHING FOR AND FEEDING ON INSECTS AMONG THE LEAVES ON OUTER BRANCHES OF AN AMERICAN ELM TREE

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give paticular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

THIS BIRD IS COLORFUL MEMER OF THE WARBLER FAMILY, ALMOST THE SIZE OF AUDUBONS WARBLER IN WHOSE COMPANY IT WAS SEEN. THIS WARBLER HAD A SHORT, POINTED DARK COLORED NEEDLE-LIKE BILL WITH BLACK THROAT AND CHEEKS, WHITE BELOW ON BELLY, BLUISH-GRAY ABOVE ON BACK AND TWO WHITE PATCHES ON WINGS.

(OVER)

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

NOT HEARD

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

IN THE OUTER BRANCHES AMONG THE LEAVES IN MEDIUM SIZED AMERICAN ELM TREE NEAR PROSPECT LAKE

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

NO OTHER WARBLER SPECIES HAS BLACK THROAT AND CHEEK WITH BRUSH-GRAY BACK AND TWO WHITE WING PATCHES

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

TWO MALES WERE SEEN IN SAME VICINITY ON SEPT 22 1974 AND WERE REPORTED TO YOU ON RARE BIRD FORM.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

PETERSON'S "A FIELD GUIDE TO WESTERN BIRDS" AND "BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA" BY ROBBINS, BRUNN, ZIM AND SINGER WAS CONSULTED FOR POSITIVE CONFIRMATION

This report was written from notes made during X after X observation; from memory X

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