DOCUMENTATION OF LATILONG RARE BIRD SIGHTING
FOR
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDS

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Species: Black-throated-Blue Warbler (Vernacular name) | Dendroica caerulescens (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.

Date (s): 10/3/87, 10/4, 10/3 1987 **Time Bird Seen:** 10/3 6:30 PM – 6:45 PM; 10/4 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM; 10/8 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Locality: 9395 Chaffee County Road 160 Salida Chaffee Colo

Nearest town, county and state: Latilong 17 Salida West Block Q Section 10 Map #33 106 Rg

Optical equipment: Vards 7X35 binoculars, Bushnell Sentry II 20X50 spotting sc

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 3 **Sex:** 1M 2F **Plumage:** _____

Light conditions: Good bright sun

Distance from bird, and how measured: 10' estimate

Describe the bird's overall behavior: Flitting through a Russian Olive eating little bugs that were on the dry leaves & flying near the tree. The female was hanging upside down almost like a chickadee in order to get to the bugs. The would go through the tree-bush for about a 1/2 hour then dart off & return in 1/2 hr.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird: Riparian. The back yard of Mark Emmer which has very dense narrow leaf cottonwood currant bushes russian olive grove in gully edging on the yard. The Arkansas River is about 1/4 mi away.

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):
Mark Emmer Nancy Vickery 9395 Chaffee County Rd
Barbara Whipple 18854 Monte Escondido Buena Vista, Co

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. The birds were about 5" long. The Male had a black throat + cheek Blue-to-blue green in bright light back., white underneath with, white wing patch. Females were buggy yellow underneath, light wing patch light eye line + top of head + back brownish olive. Small pointed bill. Dark wings + tail

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery--i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.: None heard

List similar species and how you eliminated them: Cerulean Warbler has two white wing bars + white throat in Male. Tennessee warbler F doesn't have little ~~white~~ light patch on the wing The Philadelphia Vireos bill is Thicker + no light patch

Prior experience with this and similar species: This was a new bird for me, I've been birding several years + sending reports to Hugh Kingery for American birds

This report was written from notes made during X after ___ observation; from memory___.

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