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Rare Bird Report

SPECIES: BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER (male)

DATE: May 23, 1987

TIME: 10:45 AM

LOCATION: Pawnee National Grassland, 1/2 mile NW of Crow Valley Park which lies approximately 1 mile NW of Briggsdale, Colorado, in S20, T.8N., R.63W.

CONDITIONS: Heavy cloud cover, 85%. Mild temperature, 65eF. Light breeze from the SE, 5 MPH. Good light, looking east.

DESCRIPTION (transcribed from field notes):
Warbler. Blue-grey: head, neck, back, rump. Darker wings and top of tail. Black: face, throat, flanks (sides). White: breast, belly, under tail coverts; plus small squarish patch on lower region of wing. View: intermittent, several episodes over 15 minute period. All positions presented. Unobstructed views for 5 to 10 second periods from a distance of 75 feet. Various binoculars used, including 8x30.

HABITAT: Local riparian area within short grass prairie, standing water, willow trees.

ACTIVITY: Foraging for insects in lower reaches of willow trees near water's edge. Fleeing from a Loggerhead Shrike.

RELATED BIRDS: Other warblers observed within 1/2 mile and within 2 hours included Yellow Warbler and American Redstart.

OBSERVERS:
1.) Deborah Parete, 8410 N 81 St., Longmont, CO 80501 651-2759 (1 year's experience birding).
2.) Ivan C. Getting, 8410 N 81 St., Longmont, CO 80501 651-2759 (37 year's experience birding).
Sighting described to Tina Jones in Crow Valley Park several hours later.

OTHER OBSERVERS:

3.) & 4.) Kathy Gibson & Michael Carpenter, 780 Mohawk Dr., Boulder, CO, 449-1762

5.) & 6.) Dick Lea & Joy Plummer, 4500 19th St. #400, Boulder, CO 80302, 444-5521

7.) & 8.) Mary Dunland & Alfred S McLaren, Magnolia Star RT., Nederland, CO 80466, 440-0415

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