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APPENDIX II

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

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Species: Chestnut-sided Warbler (Vernacular name); Dendroica pensylvanica (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): 05-30-78 Time Bird Seen: 9:00 am to 12:00 a.m.

Locality: T48N R2W S1 SW¼ SW¼ Willow Creek
Gunnison, Gunnison County, Colorado
Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: 10x50 Bushnell Binoculars

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: one Sex: ♂ Plumage: breeding, adult

Light conditions: excellent

Distance from bird, and how measured: 20 to 50 feet, estimated

Describe the bird's overall behavior: hopped among branches of narrow leaf cottonwood trees - from 15' - 50' off ground, picking ~~bugs~~ insects off of branches & leaves.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:
a patch of long leaf cottonwood trees 200'x 50' in a riparian zone. Riparian surrounded by open sage. Thick willows upstream & downstream from cottonwood patch.

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

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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. Regular warbler-sized bird with double wing bars, yellow cap, brownish yellow back, black ~~str~~ ocular stripe & black stripe down cheek leading into a chestnut stripe down sides of breast. white throat, breast & abdomen.

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

none observed

List similar species and how you eliminated them:
bay breasted warbler ... had a yellow crown & black & white mask

Prior experience with this and similar species:
no prior experience with this bird. Have experience with orange-crowned, virginia's, yellow-rumped, yellow, townsend's, black-throated gray, Macgillivray's, wilson's

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

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