

☒ RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD

☐ NEW STATE RECORD

☒ ACCEPTED

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9/29/75

Species: SWAINSON'S WARBLER

Limothlypis swainsonii

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): 5-20 + 21 1975

Time Bird Seen: _____ to _____

Locality: Boulder Creek w Ball Brothers

Nearest Town: Boulder

County: Boulder

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Barry Knapp

Jack Reddell

Deane Webb

Optical Equipment: 7x35 Binos

If photographed, type of equipment used: _____

Light Conditions: overcast

Distance from bird (how measured): 15 ft estimate

Number of Birds Seen: 1

Sex: _____

Plumage: adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

very active gleaning insects

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern.

Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular 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:

about 5" in length, parulid bill pale, crown rusty
all other upper parts dull brown, light line over
eye dark line thru dark eye, cheek buff,
underparts pale feet pinkish wing dull brown
no bars

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

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

riparian woodland

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Vireos have vireo bill Worm-eating Warbler has streaked crown

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

none

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

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

PRINT NAME: Steve Larson SIGNATURE: [Signature] DATE: 6-1-75
Street Address: 2995 Eagle Way #7 Town and State: Boulder Co ZIP: 80201

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Species: SWAINSON'S WARBLER

Limothlypis swainsonii

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 21, 1975

Time Bird Seen: 6:10 P.M.

to 7:00 P.M.-MDT

Locality: Along Boulder Creek just to the north of Ball Brothers

Nearest Town: Boulder

County: Boulder

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Steve Larson - 2995 Eagle Way, Apt. #7, Boulder, Colorado

Optical Equipment: 10X50 Bushnell Binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used:

Light Conditions: Gray, overcast, light drizzle

Distance from bird (how measured): Variable, 25'-50'

Number of Birds Seen: One Sex: Unknown Plumage: Breeding Adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor: I first found the bird darting from limb to limb about 30 feet high up in a large cottonwood. It was moving along with a small flock of warblers (yellow, yellow-rumped). After about 10 minutes of feverish feeding activity, it came to rest about 25 feet above my head in a large cottonwood, where, astonishingly, it remained motionless for well over ten minutes.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular 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:

A rather large, long pointed bill for a warbler. Rusty cap was noticeable but it did not appear as prominently rusty as some of the Field Guides would lead you to believe. The dark eye and conspicuous white eye line (above eye) were readily noted. Underparts, including throat, breast, sides and under tail coverts were a non-descript washout white. The upper parts including back, wings ^(no wing bars) were a pronounced olive-brown which contrasted well against the dingy breast. Had not the bird "posed" so well for so long a period, identification would have been difficult, although we were able to pick the bird up again a short time later after it rejoined the small group of other warblers. (OVER)

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

Regrettably silent throughout period of observation.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Riparian woodlands along Boulder Creek.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

The long, thin, pointed bill made it a warbler and eliminated Vireos, the only other species it could be confused with. There were two Warbling Vireos in the vicinity for good comparison (drab gray, heavy bill, indistinct pale eyeline, lacking rusty cap). Philadelphia Vireo also has heavy Vireo bill, lacks rusty cap, normally shows yellowish wash on underparts. Red-eyed Vireo has gray or lavender cap. All other possible Vireos have wing-bars and spectacles. Worm-eating Warbler has striped head. Female Black-throated Blue Warbler has white wing-patch and is an overall darker appearing bird.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

Have never seen a Swainson's Warbler before.

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

Numerous Field Guides and Text Books all of which confirmed the observation.

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

PRINT NAME: JACK REDDALL SIGNATURE: Jack Reddall DATE: May 22, 195
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