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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD UNUSUAL RECORD

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: SWAINSON'S WARBLER
(Vernacular Name)LIMNOTHLYPIS SWAINSONII
(Scientific Name)Date(s): MAY 31ST 1990Number of birds seen: ONE Sex: UNKNOWN Plumage: BREEDINGLocality: CACHE LA PONORE RIVER Elevation: 500'Nearest town: IN FORT COLLINS County: LARIMERTime(s) observed: 5 pm - 6:30 pmDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 30 minutes

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

BIRD ON GROUND IN SHADE, BUT SUNNY EVENINGOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10X BINOCULARSDistance, and how measured: 10 FEET, ESTIMATED

If photographed, type of equipment and film:

Who else photographed the bird?

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

WALKING ON GROUND, FEEDING MOSTLY BY LOOKING UNDER LEAVES.

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observe in the field:

SMALL BIRD, TYPICAL WARBLER SIZE. MOST DISTINCTIVE MARK WAS LIGHT,BUFFY EYELINE BETWEEN BROWN CAP AND DARK EYELINE. EYE WAS BLACK.FACE AND ALL THE UNDERPARTS WERE LIGHT, SLIGHTLY BUFFY. THE HINDNECK

Description (continued):

WAS GRAY AND ALL THE REST OF THE UPPERSIDE OF THE BIRD WAS BROWN.
UNIFORM

THE BILL WAS LIGHT, POSSIBLY TINGED PINK. IT WAS LONG FOR A WARBLER BILL
AND WAS THICK AT THE BASE. THE LEGS AND FEET WERE BRIGHT PINK.
(BILL ALMOST HALF AS LONG AS BIRD'S HEAD).

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

NONE GIVEN

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

ON GROUND FORAGING AMONG LEAVES, UNDER TREES ON RIVERBANK OF CACHE LA PONDE.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

THE UNIFORM ^{BROWN} & UPPERSIDE ELIMINATE ALL WARBLERS EXCEPT EVENBIRD & WATERTHRUSHES
AND THESE ARE ALL HEAVILY STREAKED UNDERNEATH.

ALL SPARROWS ELIMINATED BY LONG BILL, SLENDER AT TIP, THICKER AT BASE.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

HAVE SEEN FOUR OF THIS SPECIES 3 YEARS AGO AT HIGH ISLAND, TEXAS

HAVE SEEN OTHER BROWNISH WARBLERS AND SPARROWS NUMEROUS TIMES

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE

b) after observation:

This report was written from reports made during X, after observation from memory
Date and time report was written: 31st MAY 9 pm

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