

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Species: BREWSTER'S WARBLER | Vermivora sp
(Vernacular Name) (hybrid) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 30 APRIL 1980Number of birds seen: ONE Sex: Male Plumage: BREEDINGLocality: 4 mi. S. OF FTN, CO. ADJACENT TO I-25; exit # 123
COLORADO SPRINGS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA Elevation: 5300 FTNearest town: FOUNTAIN County: EL PASO CO.Time(s) observed: 8:48-9:10Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): off + on three time span
about several good looks of 1 min. +

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

ONE — ELANOR WILLS, ED + MARTHA CUNY + BILL HURD, CHARLIE CAMPBELL
ATTEMPTED. IT BEGAN RAINING VERY HARD AS THEY ARRIVED
ABOUT 10:40. LOTS OF YELLOW-RUMPED MOVING THRU - E SUFFICIENT TIME FOR

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):

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): BUSNELL BINOCULARS 8x40Distance, and how measured: AVG. DISTANCE 40-50ft (guessed) closest distance 3m
(paced 24 ft. bird left.)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):

1st SEEN AS I WAS INVESTIGATING A SITE. JD FLUSHED 2 MALLARDS FROM -
ENSE SNOWBERRY PATCHED IT FLEW UP TO A LOW OVERHANGING COTTONWOOD BRANCH
PERCHED - RETURNED TO SNOWBERRY AS I MOVED. MOVED THRU COVER - FLEW TO
WILLOW WATERS I GOT A GOOD LOOK - FLEW BACK TO SNOWBERRY - THOUGHT IT
WAS LOST IT TIL IT FLEW TO ANOTHER YOUNG C-WOOD - FLUFFED FEATHERS
PREENED) LAST I SAW IT. POSSIBLE SITE WHEN I RETURNED AFTER CALL - RAINING

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:

description
resembles I am copying exactly from my field notes so not to add
any post-signature biaswarbler — 8:48
bright yellow cap
black line thru eye
clear under chin + below yellow band mid breast
white wing bars definite
gray back - kinda blue-gray

Description (continued):

tail slight notch
light underneath [tail]

line thick thru eye goes from dark back back to behind eye -
whitish gray under eye

8:52

wing bars thick - white - very evident;
in flight shows white under tail

fluffed up all feathers

nest in cottonwood tree 15-20 ft. up

white comes down thru neck ~~to form~~ a gray-white cheek patch ~~of~~

delicate plumage face immediately suggested blue-winged - such a beauty
flew out from snowberry -

at quick look yellow cap, blue-gray back, clear chin + belly
cheek by yellow band; black (jet!) ~~thick~~ eyeline (thick) no yellow below band -

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

NO CALL

whitish below
Dunn! Flew up to low
cottonwood branch + then
disappeared
9:10 went to
call folks

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

COTTONWOOD-WILLOW RIPARIAN HABITAT ALONG FOUNTAIN CREEK THE SPECIFIC
LOCATION WAS HEAVILY COVERED WITH SNOWBERRY WITH 3 LARGE MATURE
COTTONWOODS AND A LINEAR GROW OF YOUNG COTTONWOODS ALONG A FENCE.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

DUE TO THE BREEDING PLUMAGE, few SPECIES CAN BE CONFUSED AT SUCH
CLOSE RANGE. I USED THE FIELD GUIDE TO SEARCH FOR ALL POSSIBLE SIMILAR
SPECIES KNOWING THE RARITY OF THIS SIGHTING

(BLUE WINGED WARBLER - solid yellow below - no cap effect - no mid band,
GOLDEN WINGED - no black bib, not as thick eyeline, had bright
WIT WARBLER - ~~no black~~ ~~yellow band~~ ~~mid-brown~~ ~~back~~)

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

I LIVED IN SHARON, CT. DURING THE SPRING OF '78 + am familiar
WITH MOST EASTERN AND WESTERN WARBLER AND VIREO SPECIES. I DID
SEE THE LAWRENCE'S HYBRID AT FAIRCHILD GARDENS NEAR
GREENWICH, CT. THAT MAY.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this in-
fluenced your identification: I GAVE MY WRITTEN DESCRIPTION MADE DURING
OBSERVATION TO ELEANOR WILLS; ED + MARTHA CURRY + BILL HURD. THEY FULLY

a) at time of observation: "BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA" Robbins; I USED TO CONFIRM
MY ID. + WAS ABLE TO VIEW THE BIRD + THE PLATE SIMULTANEOUSLY. SEE
NOTE ABOVE ON WING BARS.

b) after observation: PETERSON - "WESTERN BIRDS" - (CONFIRMED)
BAILEY + NEIDRACH - "BIRDS OF CO." - NOTES ON PREVIOUS
RECORDS MADE ME RETURN 2 DAYS w/ PHOTO EQUIP. - NO

This report was written from reports made during ~~X~~ after observation from memory

Date and time report was written: 14 JUNE 1980

Reporting observer: (PEGGY) MARGARET L. ABBOTT Signature: Margaret L. Abbott

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DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
CITY PARK
DENVER, CO 80205

> PROTONOTARY - this bird did not have solid yellow as Proton. does down most
of the body. Had eyescript + white on cheek + belly.