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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS AND ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY.

SPECIES: Mourning Warbler Oporornis philadelphica
(COMMON NAME) (SCIENTIFIC NAME)DATE(S) OF OCCURRENCE: May 15, 1998NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: ♂ PLUMAGE: AdultEXACT LOCATION: Abandoned RR Tracks 1 mile west of Pueblo Blvd.COUNTY: Pueblo NEAREST TOWN: Pueblo, CO ELEVATION: 4700'LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 10 minutes TIMES(S) OF OBSERVATION: 11:30 - 11:40 AM

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S):

Brandon Percival

LIGHT CONDITIONS [QUALITY; DIRECTION RELATIVE TO BIRD(S); POSITION]:

Most views were to south & west of bird
in late morning sun. Weather was clear.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED:

10x40 Zeiss Binocular

DISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED):

15-20 feetWAS THE BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED: No IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS? _____

WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? _____

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD(S) OCCURRED:

Dense understory growth in primarily Cottonwood Forest

DESCRIBE THE BIRD'S BEHAVIOR (FLYING; FEEDING; HABITS; BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION):

Bird flitted about dense understory growth never getting more than 15 feet from ground level. It foraged amidst understory but responded well to "pishing". It did give a fairly distinct chip - "weet" - flatter and less sharp than Macgillivray's Warbler

DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. INCLUDE OVERALL SIZE AND SHAPE, AND HOW YOU PLACED THE BIRD IN THE GENERAL GROUP THAT YOU DID. GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF PLUMAGE, INCLUDING HEAD, THROAT, UNDERSIDES, NAPE, BACK, WINGS, AND TAIL. GIVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO MARKS YOU USED TO IDENTIFY THE BIRD(S). DESCRIBE OTHER DETAILS, SUCH AS COLOR AND SHAPE OF BILL, LEGS, EYE, ETC. THAT WERE IMPORTANT IN MAKING THE IDENTIFICATION. (FILL OUT THIS PORTION EVEN IF PHOTOGRAPHS ARE SUBMITTED; YOU MAY ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, DRAWINGS, FIELD SKETCHES, OR COPY OF FIELD NOTES):

A medium sized Warbler slightly smaller than yellow-rumped Warbler. This bird was yellowgreen above and yellow below. Head was solid gray with a black bib on the breast. This bird had no wing bars and no obvious eyering. At certain angles in proper light a very light orbital ring was noticed. This ring was very narrow and not detectable most of the time. Legs were pink. Eye was dark on gray head & lores. Bill was dark with slight pink orange shading. Bill was slim.

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM:

Connecticut Warbler is larger with bold white eyering.

Macgillivray's Warbler has bold eye crescents & dark lores.

WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES?

I have seen many Macgillivray's Warblers and several Mourning Warblers. I have only seen a few Connecticut Warblers.

LIST BOOKS, GUIDES, RECORDINGS, OR OTHER SOURCES CONSULTED AND HOW THIS INFLUENCED YOUR IDENTIFICATION (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION):

Jon Dunn + Kimball Garrett, Field Guide to Warblers of North America

NGS Field Guide to the Birds of North America

Both books confirmed observation of Mourning Warbler
THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM NOTES MADE DURING OR AFTER _____
OBSERVATION, OR LATER FROM MEMORY _____.

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