

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

Rec 2/19/01 wpe

7-0 (A)

CFO-RC FILE X:

RESULTS:

Species:(Common Name) Mourning Warbler

(Scientific Name) *Oporornis philadelphia*

Date(s) of occurrence: 4 May 2000

Number of birds seen: 1 adult male

Location: grove in SW corner below dam at Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County, CO.

Length of observation: intermittently for 10 minutes.

Time(s) of observation: early morning.

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Tony Leukering and others.

Conditions: warm and sunny.

Optical equipment used: B & L Elite 10 x 42 binocular.

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 2 – 30 meters

Photos: no

Habitat: flushed from edge of thick vine and shrub tangles in lowland riparian woodlot.

Details: I flushed a chunky yellowish warbler with long yellow undertail coverts, olive upperparts and a dark gray hood. I immediately recognized it as one of the *Oporornis* warblers. I called some CBO (RMBO) people over to look for the bird. It chipped occasionally, giving a rather loud flat hollow "chet." This call was unlike MacGillivray's Warbler's more yellowthroat-like call note.

As the bird skulked in the underbrush, I was able to get good, albeit brief, looks at the bird. The bill was rather large (for a warbler) and darker above, flesh colored below. The crown and head were metallic gray with a darker loral area. No eye-arcs or eye-ring. Throat somewhat darker than face, but lighter than breast band. Black breast band contrasting with throat and yellow lower breast. Mantle, wings, tail and upperparts olive green. Underparts yellow. Long yellow undertail coverts extending more than half the length of tail. Legs pinkish.

Call note, lack of white eyering or eye-arcs, prominent contrasting dark breast band and length of undertail coverts eliminate other similar species.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen, heard and studied hundreds of Mourning Warblers, mostly in Wisconsin. I have seen similar numbers of MacGillivray's Warblers, mostly in Colorado. I have seen about 100 Connecticut Warblers, mostly in the Midwest.

List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): None.

This report is from notes made immediately after observation.

Date of written report: 11 February 2001

Reporting observer: Christopher L. Wood, zeledonia@att.net

Signature: *Christopher L. Wood (electronic submission)*

Reporting Observer's Address: 3465 S Otis Court

State: Colorado

Zip: 80227

City: Lakewood