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Species: Black-burnian Warbler (Vernacular Name) | Dendroica fusca (Scientific Name)

Date(s): 9/1/87

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Female Plumage: adult

Locality: Riverside Reservoir Elevation: —

Nearest town: Masters County: Weld

Time(s) observed: 9:00 AM. or so

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): a few minutes

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

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

None

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

Good Light, Sun at our backs

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7X35 Binoculars

Distance, and how measured: 25 feet

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):

flying about feeding on insects, with other warblers.

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:

Medium size warbler with typical smac, thin waxy bill. yellowish throat, chest with light streaking especially on the chest (licking on throat) down to belly. Under tail coverts buff colored as was the belly. 2 white wingbars Back was gray with white streaking going from the rump to about the rump. top of the head was grayish. It had a yellow line going just above the eye (below the gray cap) also had a dark line going through the eye and a dark area just behind ear below the eye. (compared) leg color not noticed also tail not noticed. Bill color not seen.

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

NONE

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

trees, willow trees

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? The only species I know of that

~~has~~ has a combo of yellow breast and black streaks on the back or gray ear patch is Townsend's which has a much darker ear patch more distinct black line through the eye with a yellow line above the black line, iridescent back. Generally face pattern more distinct and different.

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

I've seen thousands of Blue Blackbirds in my yard by the creek or so Townsend's.

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

a) at time of observation: Geographic field guide to birds of North America

b) after observation: NONE

This report was written from reports made during \_\_\_\_\_, after observation  from memory

Date and time report was written: Sept. 7, 1987

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