

UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING RECORD DOCUMENTATION

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Lat/long _____ Reporter _____ Sci Name _____
Habitat _____ Record type _____ Serial No. DEC 10 1982 - 063
Date/time _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name Prairie Warbler
Scientific Name Dendroica discolor
Sight date ²⁸⁻²⁹ June 1982 time 8am - 11am duration 3 hrs +
Distance from bird Variable
Light conditions Variable
Optical equip. Zeiss 10x40
Photo. equip. _____
Number of this species seen _____
Notes made at time of sighting ☒ Date this report
Notes made later from memory ☒ was prepared.
Photo available ☐ ^{Sonograph} ~~Photo~~ enclosed ☒ Nov. 82

Weather at time of this observation.

Clear, sunny, warm

Prior weather & number of days since change

Same

Locality Maple Bench, Cache Natl. Forest
app. 3 mi. west of Mendon, Cache
Co., ut.

Male ☒ Adult ☐ Age unk. ☐ Basic Plumage ☐ Light Phase ☐
Female ☐ Subadult ☒ ♀ or Imm ☒ Breeding ☐ Dark Phase ☐
Sex Unk. ☐ Juv/Imm ☒ 2/3 year bird ☐ Eclipse/Winter ☐ Molting ☐

Description of bird: Size, Colors, all field marks OBSERVED - Unique features of this bird, if any.

Bird seen briefly during 2 days of tracking.

yellow belly, greenish back; black flank stripes.
Black facial markings: 1 thin stripe through eye, 1 thin
stripe in malar region. I.D. made on basis of
Song and confirmed by brief views. Song musical
series of notes (harmonic tones) rising quickly up a chromatic
Scale

(Sonogram made on 29 June 1982)

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

red back stripes
(that view not presented)

Variations from expected field marks.

slightly paler colors than to be expected and 2 abnormal terminal notes on song. However, both of these variations, plus out of range of habitat situation are consistent w/ it being a 1st year male. ~~normal for adult~~

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them. ~~normal for adult~~

No other yellow-bellied, green-backed warbler has 2 thin facial lines. N. Parula, Prairie & Cerulean warblers have trilled songs that ASCEND the scale. However, neither Parula nor Cerulean have harmonic songs ascending a chromatic scale, the only warbler in the west with a trilled song is the Orange-crowned which has a Junco-like trill and is unmarked plumage wise.

Behavior of this bird. Include names of other birds with this one and any interaction.

vigorously defending a territory in a very thick Aspen stand, (very strange habitat for a Prairie W.)

Habitat this location and near by or adjacent habitat if significant.

Aspen stand - ~~quite near~~ the warbler's "territory" included an active Goshawk nest.

Describe birds song or sounds.

See Sonogram

Names of other observers. A/C + phone #

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

Extensive

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