

UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS  
SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING RECORD DOCUMENTATION

1983-24 ufo

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Lat/long \_\_\_\_\_ Reporter \_\_\_\_\_ Sci Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Habitat \_\_\_\_\_ Record type \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. 83-028  
 Date/time \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Cx Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

Common Name American Redstart  
 Scientific Name Setophaga ruticilla  
 Sight date 27 May 1983 time 9 Am duration 5 min  
 Distance from bird 35 ft  
 Light conditions excellent  
 Optical equip. 10x binocs  
 Photo. equip. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of this species seen 1  
 Notes made at time of sighting  Date this report  
 Notes made later from memory  was prepared.  
 Photo available  Photo enclosed

Weather at time of this observation.  
clear, sunny

Prior weather & number of days since chan  
same

Locality  
Logan, UT  
- park at 1st S, 1st E

Male  Adult  Age unk.  Basic Plumage  Light Phase   
 Female  Subadult  ♀ or Imm  Breeding  Dark Phase   
 Sex Unk.  Juv/Imm  \_\_\_\_\_ year bird  Eclipse  Molting

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

A. warbler - coal black all over except for  
 fire-orange on flanks beneath shoulder, on wing (wing-bar area)  
 and on the basal  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the tail except for the  
~~center~~ <sup>center</sup> tail feathers. The belly and vent were white



Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

None

Variations from expected field marks.

None

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

The blackburnian warbler is the only other warbler species to combine black and orange. Blackburnians have an orange face & throat; no orange in wings or tail.

Orioles are much larger and predominately orange with black markings - not black with orange markings

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

Cliffing from branch to branch, singing

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

large cottonwood trees beside a canal

Describe birds song or sounds.

Quality of song similar to yellow warbler but different pattern; 5 notes - sung rapidly:  
"tseet tseet tseet tseet tseet" the last note ~~a~~ rising in pitch at the end

Names of other observers. A/C+phone

Ron Ryel - original observer  
Keith Archibald  
Alice Stewart

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

Extensive

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