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Latilong _____ Record type _____ Serial No. 83064
 Habitat _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name Black-and-white WarblerScientific Name Mniotilta VariaObs. date 11-26-83 Time(s) 12:00 NoonDuration of obs. Merv-3 min. Mae-5 min.Distance from bird 25 ft. to 50 ft.Light conditions ExcellentOptical equip. Binocs. Merv 7X35 Mae 7x26Photo equip. none

Notes made at time of sighting _____ Date report prepared _____

Notes made later from memory X 11-28-83

Weather at time of this observation.
 Partly cloudy. Temperature in mid-30's F. 5 to 6 inches of accumulated snow.

Prior weather and number of days since change
 Light snow showers over past 4 to 5 days with zero to light wind. Light mid-20's F. Day 35^o to 40^o F

Locality Along banks of Little Logan River behind pumping station, West side of 500W forming West boundary of Willow Park, Logan, Utah.

Enter number of birds in each category.	GENDER(S)	AGES(S)	PLUMAGE(S)	PHOTO(S)
Total number observed.	Males _____	Adults <u>1</u>	Breeding _____ Transition _____	Available _____
<u>1</u>	Females <u>1</u>	Juv/Imms _____	Eclipse _____ Dark phase _____	Enclosed _____
	♀ or Imms _____	2/3 yr birds _____	Winter _____ Light ph. _____	
	Unknowns _____	Unknowns _____	Other <u>Fall or winter</u>	

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

SIZE - 4 to 5 inches in length - say 4½ inches since it appeared to be same length as Black-capped chickadees feeding in area. Body less chunky, i.e. more slender, than Black-capped chickadees.

COLOR - Jet black cap divided by stark white line. Appeared to have a less distinct black eye-line or stripe. Slate gray back and wings laced with white lines on back and two wing bars on wings. Snowy-white breast. White across tail at tip of folded wings.

FIELD MARKS - See COLORS

UNIQUE FEATURES - Both Merv and Mae noted immediately that its feeding characteristics were similar to those of a nuthatch, though its posture was somewhat different.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

Variations from expected field marks.

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

This is the first specimen of this species that we have observed though we have had the opportunity to observe warblers on many occasions. Though this bird was feeding like a Nuthatch, the conformation of the body was not that of the "stub-tailed" Nuthatch. We judged it to be a warbler and found it with little trouble in the Golden Press Guide to Field Identification, "Birds of North America". As suggested in the guide, we checked our observations against illustrations of the Blackpoll and the Black-Throated Gray Warbler. The specimen we saw was neither of these species.

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

BEHAVIOR - Feeding characteristics similar to those of a Nuthatch.

OTHER SPECIES - Flock of from 20 to 25 Black-Capped Chickadees feeding at same location at same time.

INTERACTION BETWEEN SPECIES = None observed although the warbler seemed to drift along at the same pace as the Chickadees

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

HABITAT - Stream bank lined on both sides with large trees (mostly willows) and dense undergrowth composed of but not limited to blackberry bushes, red twig dogwood and small willow.

Describe bird's song or sounds.

Print reporter's name, address, phone number.

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

We have identified several warblers over the years we have been birding and can generally identify warblers as a family with ~~little difficulty~~. We have identified nuthatches frequently and ruled them out at once in this case.

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

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