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VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Black-and-white Warbler Scientific Name: Mniotilta varia

Date: Sept. 6, 1985 Time: 12 PM Length of time observed: 2 minutes

Number: 1 Age: Sex:

Location: Wah Wah ranch in Wah Wah Valley near highway 21

Latilong: 14 Elevation (if known):

Distance to bird: 15 feet Light conditions:

Optical equipment: 7X35 binoculars

Weather: windy

Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

A small bird with black and white plumage and a thin warbler bill
The crown was stiped with black and white with a white median line
Underparts were white, streaked with black on the sides and undertail coverts
White wing bars
Throat white

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

Behavior:

The bird fed along branches of a tree like a nuthatch

Habitat: Isolated clump of trees around a ranch

What similar species might it have been and how were these eliminated:

Blackpoll warbler has an all black crown which is not divided by
a white median stripe

Black-throated Gray Warbler does not have a white median line
and feeds differently

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

I am familiar with Black-and-white Warblers from several eastern trips
I am very familiar with Black-throated Gray Warbler

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

Significance of record in this area or the state:

Additional material: (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording if available)

Description from notes taken at time of sighting _____ notes made later X from memory _____

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