

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Blackpoll Warbler Scientific Name: Dendroica striata

Date: September 4, 1985 Time: afternoon Length of time observed: 3 minutes

Number: 1 Age: Sex:

Location: Promontory Mts.

Latilong: 2 Elevation (if known):

Distance to bird: 25 feet Light conditions: good

Optical equipment: 7X35 binoculars

Weather: calm

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

- Plump built, short tailed warbler
- Olive back with dusky streaks
- Bold white wingbars
- White tail spots
- White center of lower: breast, belly, undertail coverts
- Yellow throat and breast with indistinct streaks on the sides
- Dusky legs
- Pale, fleshy feet

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

Behavior:

Fed high to mid level in a tall tree then went to several other trees

Habitat: Isolated clump of trees around a ranch house

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

Pine Warbler- dark legs and feet and unstreaked back that is not olive
Bay-breasted- dark feet and more yellow-green on back and has unstreaked
buff or buff white below

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

I have had experience with most eastern warblers in breeding plumage
This was my first experience with Blackpoll warbler
I have had much experience with western warblers in all plumages

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

Paul Lehman first identified the warbler then carefully worked with
me until I had observed all details nec to make the identification

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 _____ from memory _____
Notes made immediately after the sighting

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

Paul Lehman

Date prepared:

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