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Latilong _____ Record type _____ Serial No. 86-004
 Habitat _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name LESSER GOLDFINCHScientific Name Spinus psaltriaObs. date 19 April 1986 Time(s) 3:15-3:25 PMDuration of obs. 10 MINUTESDistance from bird 5-15 metersLight conditions good to very goodOptical equip. 10X40 Binoculars

Photo equip. _____

Notes made at time of sighting

Date report prepared

Notes made later from memory _____ 19 April 1986

Weather at time of this observation.

clear to partly cloudy

Prior weather and number of days since change

recent major weather system (within past 2 days) passed through area

Locality

Small fish pond/park just SE of Wellsvik, Cache Co., UTAH (just west of the highway on 5400s.

Enter number of birds in each category.

GENDER(S)

AGES(S)

PLUMAGE(S)

PHOTO(S)

Total number observed.

Males _____

Adults (ANY bird)

Breeding _____ Transition _____

Avaliable _____

Females 1

Juv/Imms _____

Eclipse _____ Dark phase _____

Enclosed _____

♀ or Imms _____

2/3 yr birds _____

Winter _____ Light ph. _____

Unknowns _____

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Other _____

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

Small, greenish-yellow, cardueline-type finch. (coloration pattern not unlike Orange-crowned warbler)
The crown, cheeks, back, wings and RUMP were olive, the wings being somewhat darker
The underparts were yellowish with faint greenish streaks
The wings had 2 white wing-bars, that of the greater coverts being much broader and more extensive.

The bill was black and the legs were dark grayish to blackish.

Call notes down-slurred (in flight) were not similar to those of American Goldfinch (which which I am familiar)

(I believe this constitutes a first documented record from Cache Co.)

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.

American Goldfinch ♀ - not so olive-colored, particularly on underparts (which lack streaking)
Rump is white
bill and legs are pink (or in winter, at most pinkish-gray to horn-colored)
Call notes in flight different

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

The bird was feeding (with Pine Siskins) in patches of Dandelions
(very typical for the species)

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

Grassy edge of a pasture adjacent to a park which
includes a small bog surrounded on 2 sides by trees.

Describe bird's song or sounds.

"teuu" - downslurred call note ("whistle")

(See reverse)

Print reporter's name, address, phone number

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I have extensive experience with American Goldfinch and moderate (periodic) experience with both the green-backed and black-backed forms of Lesser Goldfinch in California, Arizona, Utah and western Mexico.

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

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