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Verification of Unusual Sight Record

Common Name: Yellow-throated Warbler Scientific Name: *Dendroica dominica*
 Date: 12-15-91 Time: 1:00 pm Length of time observed: 5-10 mins (off + on)
 z long looks - 30 secs each
 Number: 1 Age: Adult Sex: male or female
 Location: NE corner Liberty Park (9th So. & 7th E) Salt Lake City UT
 Lat/long: Elevation: 4300 ft?
 Distance to bird: 50 feet? (I'm loopy at this) Light conditions: Excellent - bird was not backlit at all, & was frequently in direct sun.
 Optical equipment: Bausch & Lomb Custom Field binoculars, 10x40
 Weather: Partly cloudy, 40° (approx)
 Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

Plumage

- Most notable was a dark mask on the face that ~~was~~ continued down on both sides of the throat & then ended where yellow on throat ended
- No dark on throat itself - yellow, then to white on belly
- white eyebrow stripe & white in back of black mask on side of head
- Eye within mask
- streaky black marks on side
- Only noticed one wing bar but I didn't focus on this feature very well
- Gray on back, top of head
- Dark bill

Morphology

- About the same size as the ^{black-capped} Chickadees it was with.
- Posture more horizontal than chickadees
- Warbler-shaped

Voice or call notes: None

Behavior: Foraging in tops of pine trees. It would occasionally flit out from the tree & back as if it was flycatching. The bird was within a "wave" of small passerines, including Black-capped & Mountain Chickadees & Red-breasted Nuthatches.

Habitat: Tops of pine trees, urban park.

Describe what specific features you saw or heard that caused you to reach your conclusion:

- Dark mask continuing to bars on side of yellow throat
- Lack of dark marks on throat or belly.

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

- yellow-rumped Warbler: Dark black mask eliminated this (& other feature)
- Grace's Warbler: Same
- Canada Warbler: ~~There were~~ There were no black marks on belly or throat

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

No experience with this species; I am familiar with

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

We didn't have books so were guided by Stackhouse through the features we needed to get to ID; this influenced only in that I remembered.

Significance of record in this area or the state:

If accepted, would be first state record.

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

None for this siting.

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

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