

UTAH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

COMMON NAME: Black-throated Blue Warbler

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Dendroica caerulescens*

DATE: 10-22-96 TIME: 4:00 PM app. LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 5 minutes

NUMBER: 1 AGE: Adult SEX: Male

LOCATION: Tonaquint Nature Center

LAT/LONG: ELEVATION: 2800ft.

DISTANCE TO BIRD: 5ft - 25ft.

WEATHER: Mostly clear

LIGHT CONDITIONS: Excellent

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BIRD:

A warbler-sized bird; black face, sides, chin, cheek. Blue cap, nape, back. White belly, wingbar. ~~White~~ white belly.

SONG OR CALL AND METHOD OF DELIVERY:

BEHAVIOR:

Flitting in high branches of cottonwood and then low parts of tamarisk

HABITAT:

Riparian woodland: Cottonwood, tamarisk, willow, etc.

SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW WERE THEY ELIMINATED:

No other warbler has a black face and a blue back.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES:

None.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

Peterson Field Guide

DESCRIPTION FROM: NOTES TAKEN AT TIME OF SIGHTING , NOTES MADE LATER   
FROM MEMORY

OBSERVER: Joshua Kreitzer

SIGNATURE: 

ADDRESS: 174 E. 300 North

CITY: Washington

STATE: UT

ZIP: 84780

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

Lew Wilkinson, other Utah Co. Birders.

DATE PREPARED:

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL: PHOTO \_\_\_\_\_, DRAWING \_\_\_\_\_, TAPE \_\_\_\_\_, OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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UTAH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE  
P.O. BOX 1042  
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## Rare Bird Report: Black-throated Blue Warbler

On Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, Lew Wilkinson, Robin Luck, \_\_\_\_\_, and I, Josh Kreitzer, saw and positively identified a gorgeous Black-throated Blue Warbler. Coming to our aid was the bird's plumage: a beautiful male in breeding plumage. We found this awesome species at the beginning of the Tonaquint Nature Center trail, just within the trees. Our first clue was its black mask and sides. Later, when it came lower in the cottonwood tree, we saw the blue cap and back and wings. We also saw the white wing-spot at this low position. We lost it for a while, but when it returned, Lew and I had the best looks at this warbler we could hope for. It flitted around at eye level, searching for insects in the tamaracks (saltcedars).

Tonaquint Nature Center is just southwest of Southgate Golf Course in St. George, Utah. Its nature trails run right next to the Santa Clara River.

Joshua Kreitzer

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