

## Utah Rare Bird Report

*Species:* **BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER** (*Mniotilta varia*)

*Number:* One female

*Date(s):* 2 January 1998 & 1 March 1998

*Location:* Red Hills Golf Course, St. George, Washington Co., Utah

*Time-length-distance of observation:* Early morning both times. Watched at close range for many minutes both times.

*Optics:* 8X40 and 8X42 binoculars

*Reporting Observer:* Steve Summers, 2146 N Chandler Dr., Cedar City, Utah 84720

*Other Observers:* Matt & Pia DeVries, Josh Kreitzer, Lew Wilkerson (all on 2/1/98), Priscilla Summers (on 3/1/98)

*Photos:* Video taken of the bird during 2 Jan. sighting. Photos included on this report captured from that video.

*Description:* A striped black and white warbler acting like a nuthatch. Head striped black and white with a white crown stripe bordered by two lateral black stripes, two white superciliums, and two thinner black eye-lines. The back was black and white striped. Wings gray with two white wing bars. Underparts from chin to under-tail white with black streaking on the sides.

*Other details of observation:* This bird was first found on the St. George CBC on 27 Dec. 1997. It was seen off and on by several observers since then but at times was hard to find. Our 1 Mar. 1998 sighting was the last time that I am aware of that it was seen. This bird obviously wintered here. Both times I saw it, it was actively feeding in its typical nuthatch style. Taking in the sum of all the sightings reported to me the bird utilized the whole golf course during its stay.

