

UTAH BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

COMMON NAME: Prothonotary Warbler
Protonotaria Citrea

SCIENTIFIC NAME:

DATE: 9/17/00

TIME: 10:30 am

LENGTH OF TIME

OBSERVED: Initially 1 min, later total, 2 min

NUMBER: one

AGE: adult

SEX: male

LOCATION: Provo River Walkway, about 1.5 miles east of Utah Lake State Park

COUNTY: Utah

LATILONG:

ELEVATION: 4580 FT

DISTANCE TO BIRD: 12 ft

N 40°14'23.990"
W 111°42'40.310"

WEATHER: Clear, sunny, no wind, 80°F

LIGHT CONDITIONS: Good

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BIRD: Large and plump for a warbler. Yellow head and breast. Dark eye, strong, fairly long bill. Back greenish brown, wings and tail darker, bluish gray in color. No wing bars. Lower belly from legs back and undertail coverts white. Neck showed more green than breeding plumage male, suggesting fall male plumage.

SONG OR CALL AND METHOD OF DELIVERY: None

BEHAVIOR: Foraging low in thick vegetation, active, moving rapidly among leaves and branches.

HABITAT: Thick brush along a small stream/ditch by the Provo River.

SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW WERE THEY ELIMINATED: Yellow warbler: has smaller bill, yellow undertail coverts. Blue-winger warbler: has a dark line through eye and light wing bars.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES: First time for Prothonotary, Yellow warbler numerous times, Blue-winged once.

REFERENCES CONSULTED: National Geographic: Field Guide to the Birds of North America, third edition; Dunn/Garrett: Warblers (Peterson Field Guide Series)

DESCRIPTION FROM: NOTES TAKEN AT TIME OF SIGHTING____, NOTES MADE LATER____, FROM MEMORY x

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OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD: Milton Moody, Dennis Shirley, Kathy & Joel Bayer, Julie Van Moorhem, Terry Sadler, Larene Weiss. These observers found the bird on different days Sunday through Thursday morning 9/17-21/00. They all had groups of other birders with them including Dana Green, Bonnie Williams, Leena Rogers, Lois Clark, Pia DeVries, Mike Monson, Robin & Julia Tuck, Tom Williamson and Eric Huish. Thursday evening brought an early winter storm that lasted till Saturday. The warbler was not seen after the storm.

DATE PREPARED: 10/6/00

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL: PHOTO____, DRAWING____, TAPE x , OTHER

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