

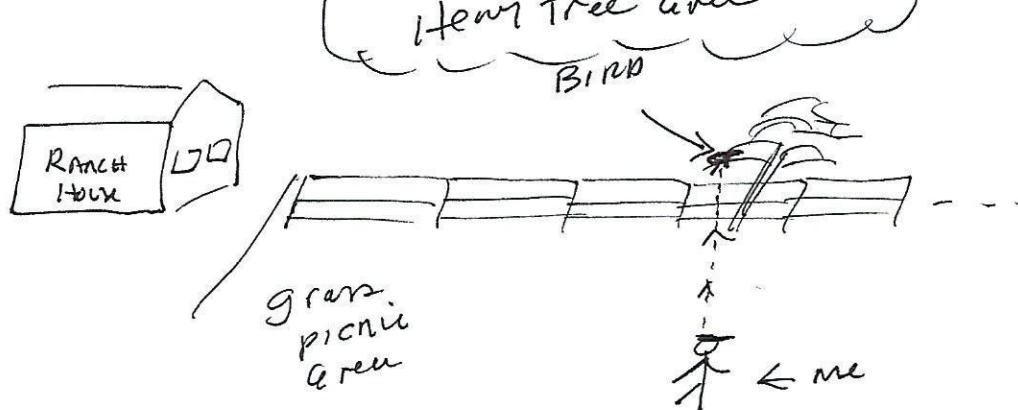
UTAH BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

COMMON NAME: Chestnut-sided Warbler SCIENTIFIC NAME: Dendroica pensylvanica
DATE: 9-17-01 TIME: 1:30 p.m. LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 10-15 seconds
NUMBER: one AGE: Adult SEX: ♂
LOCATION: GARR Ranch, Antelope Island, Picnic area
COUNTY: LATILONG: ELEVATION: Same as Great Salt Lake + 20-30 Feet
DISTANCE TO BIRD: ±50 feet OPTICS USED: B & L 10x42 elite
WEATHER: clouds present, but clear with sunshine at time of sighting
LIGHT CONDITIONS: direct sunlight

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BIRD:

- Small, typical warbler size
- fast moving, flew in landed on a tree branch about 10 feet above the ground, active movement, flew off in same spot
- reddish-brown stripe on side and flank, clear under belly and throat, light colored, no other marks on belly.
- Very dominant & distinctive complete white eye-ring - no break IT stood out as much as the eye of a Nashville.
- The upper part of the birds body appeared a general yellowish. White wing bars above the stripe.

The reddish brown stripe and white eye-ring were so forceful that in the few seconds I had to look I did not observe bill or tail.



SONG OR CALL AND METHOD OF DELIVERY: No sound

BEHAVIOR: flew in fast, flew out fast to the east. The bird was active on the branch w/out moving its foot position.

HABITAT: GRASS + TREES at picnic area of Gerr Ranch

SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW WERE THEY ELIMINATED:

No common Utah species to be confused with.

Most similar bird is Bay-breasted warbler which is eliminated due to the distinct unbroken eye-ring of the observed bird. Also observed bird did not have an eye line of any kind.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES:

I have limited experience but I have seen the Chestnut-sided in Cape May and Bay-breasted in Alabama.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

N.G. 3rd Edition - Peterson Western Birds - Master Guide to Birdy Vol III

However only Sibley illustrates what I observed pg 433 adult non-breeding

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

"The reddish stripe position and eyering got burned in my mind"

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OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

I WAS ALONE

DATE PREPARED: Sept 17, 2001

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL: PHOTO____, DRAWING____, TAPE____, OTHER

NONE

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