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Dear Mr. Kingery,

This is for the purpose of reporting some interesting bird observations from this Spring. I apologize for missing your May 26 deadline, but as you can see my observations came from about that time. If you deem them worthy of submitting to American Birds and they don't make it in for Spring, perhaps they could go in for the summer.

Tennessee Warbler: Salt Lake City, May 27, 1974, adult male.

I was quite surprised to find this bird in my back yard here, since I'm from the East (New Jersey) and thus know it quite well from there. I first became aware of it on this date when I heard its distinctive song. I subsequently watched it for the first half of the morning as it repeatedly sang from various shade trees along the street.

It was distinctly white underneath, with no visible trace of coloration. The back was definitely a yellow-green color, and as it turned I clearly saw, on several occasions and in varying light conditions, the unmistakable white streak over the eye and the dark streak through it. The somewhat trill-like song which becomes more rapid and loud toward the end "followed" the bird from tree to tree, so there was no chance this could be any red-eyed vireo. A few glances at the bill confirmed this.

I watched the bird periodically for about 90 minutes through 7 X 35 binoculars from a distance of from 30 to 90 feet.

Townsend's Warbler: Salt Lake City, May 26, 1974.

I did not see this bird, but heard it for about 4 minutes. I'm very familiar with its wheezy song, having spent a Summer in northwestern Montana where they commonly breed. I regret not getting a look at it, however.

A further observation is not mine, but was reported to me by Br. Behle (ornithology) at the University. Perhaps he will be reporting it to you. He informed me that he collected a Bay-breasted Warbler near Vernal on May 26, 1974.

I hope these reports will be useful to you.

Sincerely,

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