

# REPORT OF AN UNUSUAL SITING:

## BLUE-WINGED WARBLER IN NORTHERN UTAH

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PETER LANDRES

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### BIRDING EXPERIENCE:

HAVE BEEN OBSERVING BIRD SINCE 1969 (7 YEARS);

HAVE ASSISTED AN ORNITHOLOGIST FROM LEWIS AND CLARK COLLEGE, PORTLAND, OREGON ON FIELD STUDIES

ON WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH, FROM 1971-1972;

HAVE PARTICIPATED IN FIELD-STUDIES IN COSTA RICA, 1973-1974.

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER OBSERVED ON MAY 20, 1976 AT APPROXIMATELY 8:15 A.M. BIRD WAS OBSERVED AT A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 20-25 FEET, AT EYE LEVEL, WITH 8x40 BUSH-NELL SPORTVIEW BINOCULARS. BIRD WAS IN CANOPY OF A COTTONWOOD (POPULUS) ABOUT 20 FEET FROM A CANAL OF THE LOGAN RIVER IN A DISTINCTLY RIPARIAN HABITAT. BIRD WAS INSECT GLEANING FROM LEAVES AND BARK. BIRD WAS CALLING ABOUT ONCE EVERY 20 SECONDS.

APPEARANCE: DISTINCTLY BRILLIANT-RICH YELLOW HEAD, THROAT, BELLY. YELLOW NOT AS BRILLIANT OR RICH ON BACK.

BILL JET BLACK, WITH BLACK EXTENDING ON TO THE FACE TO THE BLACK EYE, AND NO FURTHER.

WINGS DARKISH WITH 2 VERY CONSPICUOUS WING-BARS.

CALL: A SHORTER INTRODUCTORY NOTE, FOLLOWED BY A LONG, LOWER PITCHED TRILLY BUZZ, (OR BUZZY TRILL). PETERSON'S DESCRIPTION OF BEE-BUZZE, FITS EXACTLY.

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SUPPORTING EVIDENCE :

DAVE FACTOR

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HEARD THE CALL OF A BLUE-WINGED WARRLER AT  
APPROXIMATELY 8:20<sup>A.M.</sup>, ABOUT 20-30 METERS FROM  
INITIAL SIGHTING BY PETER LANDRES.

DAVE FACTOR HAS GROWN UP AROUND BLUE-WINGED  
WARRLERS AND IS POSITIVE OF THE IDENTIFICATION  
BY CALL.

THE BIRD WAS SEEN ONLY ONCE BY PETER LANDRES,  
WHO OBSERVED THE BIRD FOR APPROXIMATELY  
7 MINUTES. DAVE FACTOR HEARD THE CALL  
FOR APPROXIMATELY 4-5 MINUTES. ALL SUBSEQUENT  
EFFORTS TO LOCATE THIS BIRD PROVED FUTILE.