

accepted in 1983 then reevaluated  
and not accepted - with  
additional information.

APPENDIX II

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS  
FOR  
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDS  
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

(Rec Com Report #1)  
1982-07 ufo

Species: OLIVE WARBLER ; PEUCEDRAMUS TAENIATUS  
(Vernacular name) (Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students -- those studying occurrences 50 years from now -- must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Dates (s): 5/15/82 Time Bird Seen: 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Locality : AT THE JUNCTION OF FISH & OWL CREEK CANYONS IN SOUTHEASTERN UTAH  
NEAREST TOWNS: BLUFF & BLANDING, SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH  
Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: PENTEX ~~100~~ BINOCULAR 9 x 20

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: NO PICTURE

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: MALE Plumage: BREEDING - SPRING

Light conditions: LATER PART OF DAY - WAS NOT DARK but had still lots of light but not like MID DAY!

Distance from bird, and how measured: ABOUT 25 FEET (20 TO 30 FEET - ROUGH ESTIMATION) RIGHT ABOVE ME IN SOME COTTONWOOD TREES.

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

IT WAS FLIRTING (BOUNCING) AROUND IN A TREE ABOVE ME - IT SEEMED LIKE WITH A GROUP OF OTHER MIGRATING BIRDS ESPECIALLY OTHER ~~WARBLER~~ KINDS OF WARBLERS. IT QUICKLY WENT ON ITS WAY - SAW IT

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird: IT WAS IN THE CANYON COUNTRY OF SOUTHEASTERN UTAH - I SAW IT WITH ONLY WARBLERS (MIGRATING PROB.) IN A COTTONWOOD GROVE ABOVE & AROUND ME. I WAS DOWN ALONG IN FISH CREEK CANYON - A SANDSTONE CANYON.

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

I WAS ALL BY MYSELF BACKPACKING ALONE IN FISH CANYON - SORRY, NO ONE WAS ELSE WAS WITH ME TO HELP SUBSTANTIATE IT.

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I think it was the big dark tree in the wash!  
A cottonwood tree

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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough). Describe what you actually saw in the field.



It was a small type of bird - WARBLER like. It was in its breeding plumage. The bill was small. The color pattern was a ORANGE but a dull not brilliant orange over ~~the rest of the body~~ ALL ITS HEAD AND ~~neck~~ neck area AND upper breast except for a black mask - eyes stripe on its side of its head. The rest of breast was white. The back was gray with the wings being a dark maybe black color with white wing bars. It was a small bird. It looked exactly like the bird drawing (for this bird) in the BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA BOOK.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

MADE NO ~~NOISE~~ SOUND - AT LEAST WHEN I SAW & OBSERVED IT.

List similar species and how you eliminated them: NO REAL BIRD IN AREA - REAL CLOSE TO IT!  
Common Yellowthroat = had yellow breast (but NOT ORANGE), black mask & olive green top, NO ORANGE & NO WING BARS.

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER - FEMALE = yellow breast with yellow stripes on head, wing bars etc. NO ORANGE & NO REAL BLACK MASK.

BULLOCK'S ORIOLE = A orange black bird but lots larger also whole belly & more is orange when prior experience with this and similar species: the bird I saw was only half belly & more orange.

I have seen lots of BULLOCK ORIOLES - now it well.

I have seen 1 male TOWNSEND'S WARBLER - IN FALL - AND ONLY THIS ONE.

I have seen only a few common yellowthroats but good views & remember well.

THIS IS MY FIRST SIGHTING EVER OF A OLIVE WARBLER! RIGHT

This report was written from notes made during \_\_\_\_\_ after X observation; from memory X.

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FROM: John Livesay

DATE: October 29, 1982

TO: Doug Day

SUBJECT:

ATT: Al Heggen  
Bob Walters

Enclosed is documentation of the olive warbler sighting by Timothy Michael in May near Blanding.

Also enclosed is a copy of his complete bird list while in southeastern Utah. Mr. Michael appears to be quite an amateur birder and spent the entire summer backpacking in the intermountain area birding.

Miles has confidence this is a valid sighting. He is planning an inventory of this area next spring to try and substantiate this sighting and to increase our knowledge of the nongame birds of this area.

  
John Livesay

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Encl.

Nov 17, 82 Inland game with 12 Div. L. West mgmt Area - 11/15/82