

UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING RECORD DOCUMENTATION


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Lat/long _____ Reporter _____ Sci Name _____
Habitat _____ Record type _____ Serial No. MAY 20 1982 03
Date/time _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name <u>Tennessee Warbler</u>	Weather at time of this observation. <u>Clear, warm 60's.</u>
Scientific Name <u>Vermivora peregrina</u>	
Sight date <u>May 16, 1982</u> time <u>9:20 AM</u> duration <u>3-4 minutes</u>	Prior weather & number of days since change. <u>Two previous days skies partly cloudy with a few scattered rain showers</u>
Distance from bird <u>About 10 feet, bird at eye level</u>	
Light conditions <u>Excellent, clear sky - sunshine</u>	
Optical equip. <u>Nikon 8x35 Binoculars</u>	Locality <u>Dinosaur National Monument</u> <u>Uintah County, Utah. Cub Creek west of Josie Morris Cabin. Approximately 100 feet east of cattle guard marking boundary of monument.</u>
Photo equip. _____	
Number of this species seen <u>one</u>	
Notes made at time of sighting <input type="checkbox"/> Date this report was prepared. _____	
Notes made later from memory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____	
Photo available <input type="checkbox"/> Photo enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> <u>May 18, 1982</u>	
Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age unk. <input type="checkbox"/>	Basic Plumage <input type="checkbox"/> Light Phase <input type="checkbox"/>
Female <input type="checkbox"/> Subadult <input type="checkbox"/> ♀ or Imm <input type="checkbox"/>	Breeding <input type="checkbox"/> Dark Phase <input type="checkbox"/>
Sex Unk. <input type="checkbox"/> Juv/Imm <input type="checkbox"/> _____ year bird <input type="checkbox"/>	Eclipse <input type="checkbox"/> Molting <input type="checkbox"/>

Description of bird. Size, Colors, all field marks OBSERVED - Unique features of this bird, if any.

Small warbler sized and shaped bird, about 5" in length. Bill dark, thin and short. Without question bill was a warbler bill and not a vireo bill.  Bill much too thin at base to be a vireo bill.

Eye dark with dark thin eye line extending from bill through eye towards ~~base~~ nape. Superciliary eye stripe white contrasting with gray crown and gray back of head. Cheek patch light gray. Throat, breast, abdomen, under tail coverts all white, not even a hint of yellow wash. From nape to tip of tail on dorsal surface the color was olive green. This color was essentially uniform in color along entire back. No wing bars or tail spots observed.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

None

Variations from expected field marks.

None

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

Orange crowned warbler - ventral surface of bird white, not yellow green with faint stripes
top of head gray, not dull yellow green as in orange warbler

Philadelphia vireo - ventral surface of bird white, not areas of yellow as Philadelphia vireo has.
Bill a warbler bill, not a vireo bill

Warbling vireo - ventral surface of bird completely white, not lightly grayish as in Warbling vireo.
Head (crown) of bird ^{bright} gray, not ~~dullish~~ gray as in warbling vireo.
Back of bird greener than that of warbling vireos.
Bill a thin warbler bill, not a thicker vireo bill.
Bird was quite active during foraging, much more active than typical warbling vireo.
~~Superciliary~~ Eye stripe white, not grayish as in warbling vireo.

Behavior of this bird. Include names of other birds with this one and any interaction.

Bird was actively gleaning leaves for insects in a large cottonwood tree growing in a creek gully. Water of Cub creek was flowing continuously, about 3-4 feet wide creek. Because observer was standing on top of bank of gully, bird was seen at eye level hopping from branch to branch, always moving or facing. Bird was seen along with a few other audubon's warblers in same tree, but no interaction between birds was noticed. After a few minutes, bird flew out the back of the tree.

Habitat this location and near by or adjacent habitat if significant.

Riparian habitat, small stream at bottom of gully about 15 feet high banks. Trees along stream mostly box elder, some cottonwoods. Riparian surrounded by sage-desert scrub, some juniper. Trees about 30-40 feet tall.

Describe birds song or sounds.

None heard.

Names of other observers, A/C+phone#

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I have seen 100's of Tennessee warblers in the midwest during spring, summer, and fall. I have never seen this species in Utah. I am also very familiar with warbling vireo and I have observed the Philadelphia vireo on several occasions.

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