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Lat/long _____ Reporter _____ Sci Name _____
Habitat _____ Record type _____ Serial No. 83-034
Date/time _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name TENNESSEE WARBLER
Scientific Name VERMIVORA peregrina
Sight date 5/15/83 time ^{Approx} 6:45 AM duration 3-5 min.
Distance from bird Approx. 40-50 feet
Light conditions Excellent - Bright Sunshine
Optical equip. 9X36 Bushnell Binocs
Photo. equip. No photo Attempted
Number of this species seen 1 (one)
Notes made at time of sighting Date this report was prepared.
Notes made later from memory
Photo available Photo enclosed 7/6/83

Weather at time of this observation.
SUNNY, MOSTLY FAIR, HIGH PRESSURE

Prior weather & number of days since change
FAIR, UNKNOWN # DAYS

Locality
Lytle Ranch, Beaver Dam Wash

Male <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dark Phase <input type="checkbox"/>
Sex Unk. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Juv/Imm <input type="checkbox"/>	2/3 year bird <input type="checkbox"/>	Eclipse/Winter <input type="checkbox"/>	Molting <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Small green & white warbler-sized bird spotted in upper foliage of large Cottonwood tree near entrance to Lytle Ranch, Beaver Dam Wash. Olive green above, whitish below, saw no wingbars, a grayish head with a white stripe over the eye and dark line through the eye to bill. Very thin "warblerish" bill and the actions of a warbler (more active) rather than a vireo. Size was about identical to yellow & Audubon's warblers sharing the same tree. No streaks of any kind or yellowish on the breast, belly or flanks. The bird was not heard singing.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

Only voice not heard - since bird was not singing. All visual marks seen well.

Variations from expected field marks.

None

99% of Tennessee's found in New England in May sing loud + often. This bird may have been a ♀.

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

Philadelphia Vireo - beak too thin, yellowish breast lacking - what was a Philly Vireo he doing in Utah anyway?

Warbling Vireo - beak too thin, gray head contrasted with gray back - vireos ^{vs vireos} lack this contrast, dark lores seen (absent in W. Vireo). Behavior was warbler-like.

Gray Vireo - had white eyeline not eye ring, warbler beak + action.

Virginia's + Lucy's Warblers - had white eyeline not eye ring, lack yellow or chestnut undertail coverts.

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

Stayed in upper foliage of big cottonwood tree gleaning insects from foliage. Very active, but did not show flycatching behavior of Audubon's Warblers in same tree. Did not sing or really interact with 5-10 other birds (mostly yellow warblers) in same tree.

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

Desert Wash - Cottonwood Grove

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?

Much experience with Tennessee Warblers in New England and Illinois where the bird is an abundant May/Sept. migrant. Have counted 30-50 in a day on many occasions. A very noisy bird both east - more easily heard than seen because the bird tends to stay high in fully leafed-out trees. (Spring).

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