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UTAH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Verification of Unusual Sight Record

Species: Kentucky Warbler AOU # 677.0 Date: 05-13-85
Oporornis formosus Possibly sy But not
Number: 1 Age: determined Sex:

Locality (exact address or other specific information to describe location, such as x miles north of x intersection):
East Bench Ogden City.

County: Weber City: Ogden Elevation: 4700 ft.

Time: 13:00 hrs. (10.57) Length of time observed:

Habitat: Urban - Scrub Oak, Cultivated shade trees, fruit trees, and shrubs.

Distance to bird: held in hand Light conditions:

Optical equipment:

Observer: Merlin W. Killpack

Other observers who independently identified this bird:
Jack Rensel, Don Paul DWR. guth. Photos taken.

DESCRIPTION. Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern color, and any unique features.

A Clean Yellow-breasted Olive backed Thrush Warbler yellow line ^{grazes} eye from beak to back around eye. Blackish crown some spotting; Black mask below eye from bill to post back of eye. Pinkish feet and tarsus.

Total length = 132.0 mm

Wing = 67.0 mm plastic ruler - Dial Calipers = 64.2 mm

Tail = 45.1 mm

Tarsus = 24.6 "

Toe = 12.3 "

Culmen = 11.8 "

Anterior edge of nostril to tip of upper bill = 7.4 mm

Wt. = 14.0 grams

taken with Dial steel Calipers

Voice and/or call notes:

Behavior: When released, stayed low in shrubs -

Describe what specific feature(s) you saw and/or heard that caused you to come to your conclusions: Full yellow under parts, Black Crown and black below eye from bill to back of eye and yellow line over eye from bill to back of eye and around back of it.

What similar species might it have been, and how were these eliminated?

Yellow throat - - no black Chin or black from eye to Chin.

Wilson Warbler - Shows Wilson is smaller, smaller tarsus and darker colored, and it has no black under eye to side of head or neck.

What experience have you had with this and similar species? This is the first time I have ever seen the Kentucky Warbler. I have been banding birds and working as ~~not~~ professional biologist as well as Private unpaid individual research.

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: Robins, C.S., and B. Bruun, H.S. Zim, "Birds of North America," 1983, pp. 1-3. Chapman, Frank M., "Handbook of Birds of Eastern North America," 1966, by Dover republished pp. 872-8.

Significance of record in the area and/or the state: This is a new State record, and seems to be rare west of 100° meridian.

Additional material (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording if available):

Photos Attached

Signature: Merlin L. Killpack

Address: 1726 24th Street
Ogden, UT 84401

Date prepared: 20 May 1985

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 ..abitat _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name Kentucky Warbler AOU # 677.0
 Scientific Name Opayórnis formósus
 Obs. date 05-13-85 Time(s) 13:02 hrs. to 18:00 hrs.
 Duration of obs. In hand taking data & photographs.
 Distance from bird In hand
 Light conditions _____
 Optical equip. _____
 Photo equip. Canon - 50mm. macro lens.
 Notes made at time of sighting _____ Date report prepared _____
 Notes made later from memory _____

Weather at time of this observation.

Clear - some clouds.

Prior weather and number of days since change

Past week before observation some thunderstorms, wind, clear weather. Like April & March/June but warmer

Locality East Bench, Ogden City
Ogden, Weber Co., Utah.

Latilong block number 3

Enter number of birds in each category.	GENDER(S)	AGES(S)	PLUMAGE(S)	PHOTO(S) enclosed.
Total number observed.	Males _____ Females _____ ♀ or Imms _____ Unknowns <u>2</u>	Adults <u>X</u> Juv/Imms _____ 2/3 yr birds _____ Unknowns _____	Breeding _____ Transition _____ Eclipse _____ Dark phase _____ Winter _____ Light ph. _____ Other _____	Available <u>✓</u> Enclosed <u>✓</u>
<u>1</u>				

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

Clear yellow ventral color, olive back, black crown with some gray spotting, black below eye to past back of eye - yellow line over eye from bill to back and across back of eye.

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Measurements taken with metal Dial Calipers.

accept check

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

Variations from expected field marks.

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

Bird 7
 Comparisons and data compared in Field Guide - North American, *Birds* pp 268, 290, and 291.
 Also - Hand Book of Birds of Eastern North America by Frank M. Chapman, pp. 443, 470, 472, and 473.
 Banding Work Sheet for Western Birds by Charles T. Collins 1974
 Bird-Banders Guide to determining of Age and sex of Selected Species, by Merrill Shood, Don Beimbarn 1981 ed.
 Field Guide to the Birds of North America, National Geographic Society, 1983
 It also looks like similar to Wilson Warbler but ^{the} Wilson Warbler is smaller, has smaller tarsus and darker, and does not have the black under the eye -

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

Urban - Scrub Oak, with Cultivated fruit, Shed trees, and shrubs. Appri. 150 yards from scrub oak foothills and 1/2 to 1 mile south of Ogden River.

Describe bird's song or sounds.

Print reporter's name, address, phone number.

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Signature *Merlin L. Killpack*

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

This First time I have seen this bird species. I have banded a large number of birds in my banding activities and work with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Universities.

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

Jack Rensel ut. DWR
Print Name Signature

Don Paul ut. DWR
Print Name Signature

Print Name Signature

Print Name Signature

