

Oregon Bird Records Commit
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RECORDS COMMITTEE
REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of unusual birds. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all. Leave blank any details not observed. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print or type. Attach drawings, photographs, etc.; include all photos if an obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to the Secretary of the Oregon Records Committee.

- 1. Common and scientific name: Black-and-White Warbler (Mniotilta varia)
- 2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. 2 ad. ♂ in breeding plumage): one, probably a female
- 3. Locality: Arches National Park _____ Co.; Grand Co., Utah _____; elevation: 4085'

- 4. Date(s) when seen: Sept. 30, 1985
- 5. Times of day when seen: about 12:30 P.M.

- 6. Reporting observer and address:
Clarice Watson, 3787 Wilshire Lane, Eugene, OR 97405
- 7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
Donald A. Watson

- 8. Other observers who independently identified the bird:
- 9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bright sunshine, bird will lighted despite being in trees.

- 10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
None used -- bird was very close to us.

- 11. Distance to bird: 3 to 6 feet
- 12. Duration of observation: 1 to 2 minutes
- 13. Habitat (general and specific):

In small cottonwood trees at the picnic area in front of the Visitor's Center.

- 14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification):
It was foraging on the branches like a nuthatch -- going from tree to tree.

- 15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; shape; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks):
It was a small bird -- warbler size with a warbler type beak. The sides, back and wings were streaked with black and white. There were two white wing bars. The belly, breast, and throat were white. The head was black and white striped with a white median stripe, a white eyebrow and a black stripe from the eye to nape. It was immediately identifiable as a Black-and-White Warbler by its behavior -- crawling along the branches -- its coloration and the white median stripe on the head. After watching it for about 2 minutes I went into the Visitor's Center to tell the person on duty -- he came out a few minutes later but we could not find it again.

16. Voice:

None heard

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

Easily separated from Blackpoll and Black-throated Gray Warblers by the white median stripe on the head.

18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?):

no

19. Previous experience with this species:

Many seen in Texas, Florida, and the Eastern United States and one in Oregon.

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification

a) at time of observation:

none

b) after observation:

National Geographic and Master Guide to Birding.

21. This description written from: notes made during observation; x notes made after observation; memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification? yes. If not, explain:

23. Signature of reporter:

Clarice H. Watson

24. Date and time of writing this account: Nov. 20, 1985

CLARICE H. WATSON