

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Black-throated Blue Warbler Scientific Name: *Dendroica caerulescens*
 Date: Oct 7 1987 Time: 2 PM, 6 PM Length of time observed: 20 minutes
 Number: 1 Age: undetermined Sex: Male
 Location: Iverson Ranch, Beaver Dam Wash
 Washington Co
 Lat/long: 19 Elevation (if known):
 Distance to bird: as close as 5 feet
 or less Light conditions: Good
 Optical equipment: 7x35 binoculars
 except when the bird was too close to focus — 300mm lens (camera)
 Weather: calm, clear

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

small warbler size

wing covert, crown, back were bluish

throat, cheeks, side black

undertail covert, belly, lower breast were bright white
 contrasting sharply with dark upperparts

BOLD WHITE wing patch at base of primaries

small area at bend of wing was white
 (this is shown in some pictures)

bill dark

Voice or call notes and method of delivery: at one point the bird was heard repeatedly giving a chirp (a single call note)

Behavior: Flew mid level into trees, stayed a short time and flew. Refound hours later, near a cottonwood with brushy undergrowth, rumaged around in undergrowth, flew mid level onto branches, back in undergrowth, eventually flew from bush to bush as we flushed it in a small dried reservoir

Habitat: cottonwoods and undergrowth in desert wash

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

No other species is remotely similar. Very distinctive bird.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

This was my first experience with this species

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

None although photo's were sent to Guy McCaskie without identifying the bird. He had no trouble identifying the bird as a Black-throated Blue male (age undetermined)

Significance of record in this area or the state: Second state record

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

photo

Description from notes taken at time of sighting ^{immediately after} X notes made later from memory

Observer: Ella Sorensen

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