

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Blackpoll Scientific Name: *Dendroica striata*
 Date: Oct 8 1987 Time: 9:30 AM Length of time observed: 5 minutes (3 times)
 Number: 1 Age: Sex:
 Location: Iverson Ranch
 Beaver Dam Wash, Washington Co.
 Latilong: 19 Elevation (if known):
 Distance to bird: 20 feet Light conditions: Good
 Optical equipment: 7X35 Binoculars
 Weather: clear

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

small warbler size

Back Olive with dusky streaks

Breast Yellow

Belly / Under tail coverts white

sides / light streaking

white tail spots

Bold white wing bars

Legs light

Feet Fleshy

Dark eyeline

Yellowish supercillium

Warbler bill

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

Behavior: flew mid-level into tree, sat on branch for about a minute, out, then flew clear across the wash to isolated clump of trees, re-found feeding at mid-level then flew way across wash to the exact same clump of trees, was re-found feeding then flew way across wash to same clump of trees.

Habitat: isolated clumps of cottonwoods along a desert wash

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

Pine Warbler ruled out by streaking on back and pale feet.
Bay-breasted ruled out by streaking on sides, whitish flanks and light feet.

The combination of characters in the description are present only on the fall Blackpoll

What experience have you had with this and similar species: In Sept 1985 while birding with Paul Lehman, we observed a Blackpoll for about 5-10 minutes with Paul carefully explaining details of identification.

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

NONE FOR THIS SIGHTING

Significance of record in this area or the state:

rare transient

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

immediately after

Description from notes taken at time of sighting _____ notes made later _____ from memory _____

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