

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: ~~BLACK-THROATED~~ BLUE WARBLER Scientific Name: DENDROICA CAERULESCENS

Date: Sept. 24, 1988 Time: 5:40 PM Length of time observed: 45 seconds.

Number: 1 Age: ? Sex: ♂

Location: Beryl, Iron Co., Utah

Latilong: 19 Elevation (if known): 6,000[±]

Distance to bird: 25 ft. Light conditions: good

Optical equipment: Bino's 10x5

Weather: Hot, Clear, light breeze

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

I saw the ventral surface of the bird as it perched in the trees above our heads, but with what I saw, I felt confident of the identity.

Breast, belly, undertail coverts, and under tail feathers were pure unmarked white. The face and throat were black. There was a white spot near the base of the black primaries.

Legs were "fleshy orange" in color.

I did not see the blue color in the back, but no other warbler in the area is consistent with the stark white underparts, black throat, and white spot on primaries.

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

none heard

Behavior:

lit high in the trees

Habitat:

Warbler trap in desert of Iron Co, Utah

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

BLUETHROATED GRAY - BREAST & FLANKS SHOWS STREAKING - this bird didn't - also has wing bars, this bird had a 1° spot.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

This is my first B.T. Blue

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

National Geographic

Significance of record in this area or the state:

Remains to be seen

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

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

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