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Verification of Unusual Sight Record

Common Name: Black-throated Blue Warbler
 Scientific Name: *Dendroica caerulescens*

Date: Sept 24 1988 Time: \approx 3:30 PM Length of time observed: 1 minute

Number: 1 Age: unknown Sex: M

Location: Beryl, UT

Lat/long:

Elevation:

Distance to bird: 30 feet

Light conditions: good

Optical equipment: 7x35 binoculars

Weather: clear, sl windy

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

A small warbler size and shape.

Warbler bill

Brilliant, white underparts, contrasting with

dark sides and breast.

Bluish cast to upper parts

Small white wing patch

Voice or call notes: —

Behavior: hopped & flew around mid-level in trees.

Habitat: Isolated ranch, in Great Basine

Describe what specific features you saw or heard that caused you to reach your conclusion:

see description

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

There are no similar species the male BTBW is a very distinctive bird.

~~What experience have you had with this and similar species:~~

I have studied and photographed a male BTBW last Oct in Beaver Dam Wash.

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

Significance of record in this area or the state:

3rd documented state record

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

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