

Chestnut-sided Warbler Sighting

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Sunday, May 24, 1992; Sighting in SE UtahTime seen: 0747-0758

Chestnut-sided Warbler - 1 ad. male singing + feeding in dense riparian deciduous trees. Bright ylw cap above a black <sup>wide</sup> eye line thru the eye + wrapping around back of head (nape streaking not noted) + extending as a moustache joining a very broad + thick chestnut patch on the side extending to the legs. Back, Flight feathers + upper tail were black or blackish (rump + back details not noted), w/ a very solid lower white wingbar (wide) (upper wingbar not seen well). Cheek patch + underpart pure white. Comparable size + shape to the MacGillivray's + Virginia's warblers feeding w/ it. Song like "wheet-wheet-wheet-wheet-wheecha!" very loud + clear. Seen w/ binos very well as close as 15-20 ft by:

First Found by:Binos  
9x

Nelson Boschen

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Also then seen almost

8x

Linda Fagan

Julia Tolson

Julia Tolson

immediately by:

10x

Gail Lea

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Location: AT UTM N425505, E644935. This spot puts you on the Pack Creek Rd about in the middle of the Pack Creek campground (no facilities except picnic tables, + maybe grills). After passing Pack Creek Ranch on Pack Creek Rd, cross Pack Creek ~ 1.3 miles past the Ranch turnoff (not measured; it is just at, or past, where the pavement ends) + go about 0.1 mile (1/10) farther to the sighting location. The bird was first in the tall gambel's oaks on the south (right) side of the road, then fed in the nearest taller tree (deciduous) on the opposite side of the road. It was always within 20 ft of the road + was singing almost constantly. Elevation ~ 6,365 ft.

Weather: Overcast, wind calm, ~ 50°F, but at the close view the lighting was excellent. Intermittent storms for about the past week.

Additional: The bird was still there when we walked on about eleven minutes after I first noticed it.

Signed, May 24, 1992

Nelson Boschen

Yelson Boschen

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Chestnut-sided Warbler, SE UT, May 24, 1992 (cont'd)

By Nelson Boschen

The bird's description at the top half of page one was written immediately after the eleven minutes of viewing the bird (during which the three of us discussed the features) & is actually the writing I wrote on site.

Being such a rare Utah sighting, I here give some additional comments to support the accuracy of our identification beyond that spur-of-the-moment description. The following comments easily verify that the bird was not any age or sex of the Bay-breasted Warbler nor the female sex of the Chestnut-sided Warbler, both of which are the nearest look-alikes.

Note; I had forgotten to mention that Linda Fagan did see the black + white streaked back.

- ① The pure bright yellow cap had no streaking or other marks.
- ② The pure white large ear patch extended from the eye to shoulder & contained no other marks or color.
- ③ The pure white underparts included all of the chin & throat & the undertail coverts. There may have been a hint of yellow behind the legs at the rear end of the chestnut side but we did not check this small area.

Partial sketch showing some primary features:

