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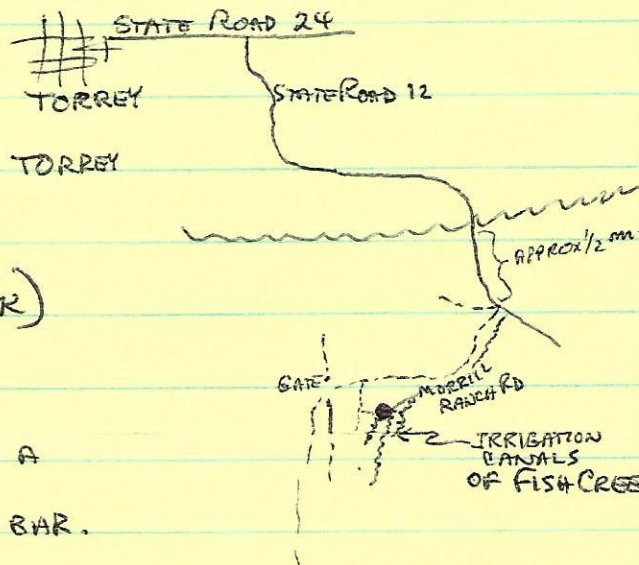
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RARE BIRD REPORT: GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER ♀

AUG 30, 1997 8:30 AM - 8:31 AM 9:05 AM - 9:10 AM

LOCATION: UTAH, WAYNE CO.

APPROX 3-4 MILES SE OF TOWN OF TORREY  
(T29S, R5E, SEC 29, SE 1/4)  
(ELEVATION 6800', ALONG FISH CREEK)

DESCRIPTION: FIRST SIGHTING WAS OF A

DRAB WARBLER WITH A YELLOW WING-BAR.

OBSERVED FOR ONLY A FEW SECONDS. BIRD LOCATED

ABOUT 1/2 HOUR LATER IN TOP OF RIVER BIRCH ABOUT 75-100' FROM FIRST SIGHTING. BIRD OBSERVED FOR ABOUT 5 MINUTES IN TREETOP ABOUT 20-25' AWAY FROM OBSERVERS. IT WAS AN ESSENTIALLY GRAY-BACKED WHITE UNDERSIDE WARBLER. WINGBAR WAS ALMOST SPLIT INTO TWO AND WAS A BRIGHT GOLDEN-YELLOW. CAP WAS GREENISH-YELLOW (REMINDED ME OF ~~WATER~~ THE YELLOW OF A WINTER CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER). WHITE EYE-LINE WAS DISTINCT. GRAY "BAR" PATCH, WITH WHITE SEPARATING THIS GRAY FROM GRAY OF THROAT.

THE GRAY OF "BAR" PATCH + THROAT LOOKED LESS CHARCOAL OR BLACKISH THAN PETERSON OR NAT GEO GUIDE ILLUSTRATES. IT WAS A DULLER, MORE SUBDUED GRAY, BUT WELL-DEFINED AT THROAT-CHEST DIVISION + BAR-PATCH WELL-DEFINED. NO YELLOW OBSERVED ON UNDERSIDE. BACK APPEARED ALL PLAIN GRAY, BUT BACK NOT WELL-OBSERVED DUE TO VIEWING ANGLE AND MY CONCENTRATION ON HEAD-THROAT MARKINGS. (GOT CAMERA FROM CAR + COULD NOT RELOCATE!! AFTERNOON VISIT 3:10 PM - 4:45 PM COULD NOT RELOCATE.) (FOLLOWING 2 DAYS COULD NOT RELOCATE.)



VOCALIZATION: NONE HEARD.

CONDITIONS: SUNNY — BIRD SEEN IN SUN + SHADE. SIDE-LIGHTING.

APPROX 20-25' DISTANCE, ON + OFF (MOSTLY ON) FOR APPROX 5 MIN.

ZEISS 10x40 BINOCs.

HABITAT: NARROW (30-200') BAND OF RIPARIAN BRUSH — LOW TREES.

OBSERVED FIRST IN 4' TALL SKUNKBUSH (RHUS TRILOBATA), LATER  
IN RIVER BIRCH (BETULA ?), FEEDING NEAR TOP. TREE-BUSH  
COVER ABOUT 50%, WITH WEEDS + GRASSES BETWEEN TREES.

ASSOCIATED SPECIES: OTHER WARBLERS OBSERVED WITHIN FEW

HUNDRED FEET OF GOLDEN-WINGED WERE: WARBLING VIREO,

O-CROWNED, VIRGINIAS, YELLOW, Y-RUMPED (?), BLK-THROATED

GRAY, MACGILLIVRAYS, WILSONS + CHAT. ALSO IMM ♂ AM REDSTART  
APPROX 100 FEET AWAY.

SUMMARY: THE GOLDEN-YELLOW WINGBAR + GREEN-YELLOW

CAP + FACE PATTERN MAKES THIS BIRD CLEARLY A

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER. I PRESUME THAT THE BIRD

IS A ♀, BUT DO NOT KNOW ~~IF~~ WHAT WINTER ♂ LOOKS

LIKE. EAR + THROAT WERE GRAY, WITH NO BLACK.

~~IT WAS CLEARLY SEEN +~~ IT WAS CLEARLY SEEN +  
UNEQUIVOCALLY IDENTIFIED.

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REEVES OF FARMINGTON, N.M. WHO WILL FILE SEPARATE

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