

UTAH BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

COMMON NAME: Black-throated Blue Warbler SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Dendroica caerulescens*

DATE: 10/25/2000 TIME: 9-10 AM LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 1 hour

NUMBER: 1 AGE: Adult SEX: ♂

LOCATION: Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge

COUNTY: Juab LATILONG: ELEVATION:

DISTANCE TO BIRD: 2-4 meters

WEATHER: Clear - sunny

LIGHT CONDITIONS: bright

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BIRD: Small active bird with small pointed bill

Black throat which extended up thru the cheeks, auricular area and just above the eye. Black from throat also extended down thru the upper sides. Blue upper parts including crown, back, scapulars, wing coverts, wings and upper tail. White breast, belly, undertail coverts, white patch on wing and white stripe just above black on side. Overall a small active bird working & flitting thru lower branches of trees occasionally feeding on the ground then flying back up.

SONG OR CALL AND METHOD OF DELIVERY: The call was very similar to a Towhee. In fact I thought it was a Towhee when I first heard it call.

BEHAVIOR: Working the trees of Fish Springs residential area. Clinging to the side of the tree usually 6 to 10 ft off the ground. Occasionally dropping to the ground to feed.

HABITAT: ~~Various~~ Elm, Russian Olive trees. Usually the lower branches of the trees.

SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW WERE THEY ELIMINATED: No other Warbler resembles the ♂ Black-throated Blue Warbler. The color combination of blue, black with white wing stripe very distinctive.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES: No previous experience with Black-throated blue Warbler

REFERENCES CONSULTED: National Geographic field guide to North American Birds
NAS. The Sibley Guide To Birds

DESCRIPTION FROM: NOTES TAKEN AT TIME OF SIGHTING , NOTES MADE LATER , FROM MEMORY

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DATE PREPARED: 12-27-2000

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL: PHOTO , DRAWING , TAPE , OTHER

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