

Species: CAPE MAY WARBLER

Record No. 650-92-08

Location: FIELDS, HARNEY CO.

Date(s): SEPTEMBER 20, 1992

Observers	details	slides	prints	tapes
TONY GREAGER	A			

Specimen no. & location _____

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 Single rept. sighting ✓
 Multiple rept. sighting _____

Not accepted _____
 origin questionable _____
 exotic not estab. _____

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Disposition

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Date observer(s) notified: 4-29-98

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CAPE MAY WARBLER:

On the morning of September 20, 1992, after staying the night at the Fields Motel, I found a fall plumage Cape May Warbler actively teeding with a mixed group of yellow, Wilson's, and Orange-crowned's. The bird was located at the east end of the large parking area in front of the motel and store. There is a mostly empty canal that encourages some thick willow growth, running in a perpendicular direction to the main highway, towards the famous Field's Wood Lot. The bird was seen six different times in the same location.....where that canal-side willow growth met the highway, and just barely west of the highway. Here are the notes I took as I watched the Warbler for the second time.....

- 1 prob. immature male Cape May
- very cooperative-----great looks
- shows full streaking to belly
- rump yellow to yellow-green(not same as Yellow-rump yellow)
- grayish-white undertail coverts
- middle of chest also streaked to belly
- whole face set off from rest of body by yellowish crescent from nape to throat
- cap grayish, and grayish to back of eye
- front of face yellower
- active
- somewhat aggressive towards other warblers present
- comparable in size to the Yellow Warblers present

Again, what caught my attention was an active, heavily and clearly streaked little warbler with a conspicuous crescent behind the face. Again I had excellent looks on all six occasions, with the morning sun directly behind me. Walt Kopf was with me, and had no trouble separating this bird from the other species present. He also noted it's somewhat aggressive nature. The bird stayed between the ground and about the 10 foot level, always working from the inside of the willows, to the outside and into plain view. The bird seemed nervous, and never sat still for long. We often watched it from a vantage point on the highway, approximately 10-15 yards due east of the bird. This was a life bird for me, but I have no doubts about the identification. I am very familiar with all western warblers and my frequent trips to Malheur in spring and fall have acquainted me with a number of vagrants.

Hope this info is of some help to you, I am always happy to help out American Birds. You may already be aware of this, but there was an Ovenbird present and seen and photographed by many people at the Malheur HQ on the morning of Sept. 19

Good Birding,

Tony Greager

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