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<b>Bird identification:</b>	Kentucky Warbler - one - appeared to be an immature (1st fall) male bird, or possible an adult female. The illustration marked "Adult female" in Sibley's guide, 2nd edition, pg 478 is most similar to the observed bird.
<b>Date(s):</b>	25 September 2017
<b>Time of Day:</b>	10:15 am
<b>Location:</b>	<p>West of Grants Pass, south side of Highway 199. Along a fairly large irrigation channel that runs east of the Grange Co-op buildings. Seen south of the area where the only patch of tall bamboo grows along the channel.</p> <p>Habitat along the irrigation channel is comparable to small-stream riparian where the bird was located, but not as dense. Some parts of the channel have narrow strips of woody vegetation. Bird was located near a dense strip of vegetation (some willow, blackberry, cottonwood, others) that separated two fields. Bird, when observed was in a narrow strip within feet of this dense strip, in short, bush-like cottonwoods under a stringer of taller cottonwoods.</p>
<b>Lighting and Weather Conditions:</b>	Weather was partly cloudy, but overall lighting was good, however, not directly on the bird. Bird was observed in light shady conditions, ample light to determine plumage colors and patterns, but not washed out by direct lighting.
<b>Details:</b>	<p>Bird observed was a Warbler. The most striking plumage feature was the contracting black and yellow pattern of the bird's face when the bill was pointed at me. The throat was pure yellow with black that ran from the base of the bill, under and behind the eye and then down edge of the throat (both sides) to about where the wing shoulder began thus, a sharp black/yellow face/throat pattern. The eye was noticeable, due to a somewhat narrow yellow stripe, beginning at the base of the bill, running above the eye and extended a short distance behind it (kind of a "spectacle" look). The throat, breast, belly were yellow; sides were a yellow-olive. The upper parts were a uniform, solid olive color with no marking or wingbars. Crown appeared a somewhat darker olive. Other than the face pattern, the bird's plumage was pretty plain with no outstanding contrasts. Was not able to see the undertail coverts during the observation period, never saw the back end of the bird. The bird's tail was relatively short compared to its overall length. Bill appears to be mostly dark.</p> <p>The bird never move very far above the ground (perhaps 3-4 foot at the most). Landed on the ground a couple of times;</p>

	<p>moved about in short distances. The bird seemed to have the habit of leaning forward, head downward and tail elevated. This behavior provided great views of the crown, back and tail, which was short. Also, when in this position, the bird appear to be pretty "chunky," That is, its side noticeable protruded from the head.</p> <p>Bird was not near any other birds at the time of observation, which was at least 2-3 minutes. The bird never many any calls or sounds.</p>
<b>Similar Species:</b>	<p>About the only other Warbler that might be confused with the bird observed would be a Common Yellowthroat. My first thoughts were, another Yellowthroat, however, this impression quickly left me when I looked at it (about 30 feet away). There were a few Yellowthroats in the same area; at least 3 were seen, along with this bird. There were immature male Yellowthroats seen also, which had blackish "masks" (not really pure, dark black). However, I don't recall ever seeing any immature male Yellowthroats that didn't have some buffy edge that surrounded their "mask," not only behind and above the eye, but across the crown at well. The bird seen clearly didn't have any change of coloration from the bill to the back of the crown. Also, the behavior and flight movements were different then Yellowthroats.</p>
<b>Anything else you want to add?:</b>	<p>No photo, unless someone else relocated the bird and gets them.</p>
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