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Lawrence's Warbler  
Erie Co., PA

On Saturday, September 8, 1990 at approx. 1:00 PM about 150 to 200 yards east or southeast of the east entrance to Dead Pond Trail on Presque Isle State Park I discovered a female Lawrence's Warbler (*Vermivora chryoptera* X *Vermivora pinus*). It was first seen feeding in an oak about 15' to 20' above the ground with Cape May Warblers (*Dendroica tigrina*). The entire head was dusky with a bright yellow stripe crossing above the eye from the upper mandible circling around and behind the ear coverts and continuing to the base of the lower mandible. The yellow separating the dusky cheek and ear coverts from the dusky cap, throat, and chin (pattern identical to that of a typical Golden-winged Warbler). From the dusky throat to the white undertail coverts was bright yellow. The wings resembled a typical Blue-winged Warblers. They were pale blue with two distinct white wing bars. The back was olive-grey slightly darker than the dusky areas on the head, throat, and chin. Ed Kwater and Geoff Robinson also saw the bird. I have only seen this hybrid once before at Cape May, New Jersey. It was variably cloudy (altocumulus) the wind was approx. 15 MPH from the east. The bird was viewed through a 10 X 40 Zeiss Binocular for less than 5 minutes before it flew off.

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Ed Kwater

On Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> 1990, Jerry McWilliams, Jeff Robinson and I were birding a section of Dead Pond Trail on Presque Isle State Park when Jerry located a Lawrence's Warbler (Vermivora chrysoptera x pinus) in an oak tree a few yards from the trail.

Over the next few minutes we obtained excellent views of the bird as it fed in the open after an initial period of skulking. The bird was very brightly colored with a deep yellow head, breast and belly. The head markings were distinctive with an olive-green crown and nape, a dark gray "face" patch on the ear coverts and a triangular dark gray chin & throat patch, strongly recalling the pattern on a well-marked female Golden-winged Warbler (V. p. chrysoptera). The mantle was olive green. The wing coverts were bright powder blue with 2 white wing bars formed by white tips to the greater and median coverts, recalling the pattern on a Blue-winged Warbler (V. pinus). The flight feathers and tail were blue-gray and the undertail coverts were white. The bill was fairly long & thin for a warbler, and black in color. The legs were also black.

This represents ~~the~~ only the third record of the Lawrence's hybrid for Erie County and the first for the fall.

## Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

### Voting Tabulation - Round # of

Species: **Lawrence's Warbler**Date of Sighting: **September 8, 1990**Observer(s): **Ed Kwater, Jerry McWilliams**Date of Submission: **1990 *Five***Submitted by: **Ed Kwater, Jerry McWilliams**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
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E. Kwater		X					
B. Haas		X					
F. Haas		X					
R. Leberman		X					
G. McWilliams		X					
S. Santner		X					
P. Schwalbe		X					
TOTALS		7					
DECISION		X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

*B. Haas*

Date:

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