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Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler

Dendroica coronata

Location: Presque Isle State Park

Date: May 7, 1994

Time: Approximately 5:00 to 5:10 PM

Weather: Cloudy (stratus), light rain, visibility fair

Observer: Jerry McWilliams

Optics: Zeiss 10 X 40 Binocular

Details of sighting and description of bird: Ed Kwater and his wife Cheryl, and I was looking through a flock of warblers that were slowly moving eastward along Sidewalk Trail when Ed shouted, "Audubon's Yellow-rumped." He described the general area where he saw it, but by the time I located the bird it dropped out of sight in some thick vegetation. A few moments later I spotted a warbler moving into view in the spot where the "Audubon's" had disappeared. When it flew into better position for me to see, I also readily identified the bird as a female Yellow-rumped "Audubon's" Warbler. It was feeding with a few Yellow-rumped "Myrtle" Warblers making comparison fairly easy. The most distinctive field mark of the "Audubon's" was its throat which was a medium to light lemon yellow. The mantle and face were medium bluish-gray. The blue-gray was much brighter on the "Audubon's" than on the female "Myrtle's." Aside from those two field marks, the "Audubon's" looked very much like the Myrtle's. The upper breast was lightly streaked and the streaking continued down the flanks. There was a yellow patch on both sides of the breast which was the same tone of yellow as that on the throat. The belly and undertail coverts were white. The upper wing coverts were bluish-gray the same as the mantle and head and the wing coverts were edged in white forming two narrow wing bars. There were distinctive white eyelets above and below each eye. The face lacked any indication of a pale supercillium. There was an indistinct yellow patch on the crown. The rump was a bright lemon yellow contrasting sharply with the bluish-gray mantle and tail. I have seen many "Audubon's" in the western United States and this is the second female I have seen in Erie Co.



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AUDUBON'S YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER IN ERIE COUNTY

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On Saturday May 7th 1994 I was birding along Side-walk Trail, Presque Isle State Park, Erie Co. with my wife Cheryl and Jerry McWilliams when we paused to look through a small flock of warblers (Parulidae). A bird suddenly appeared showing a bright yellow throat patch and I realised I was looking at a Yellow-rumped Warbler, of the western race auduboni commonly referred to as Audubon's Warbler. The bird remained on view for several minutes at eye level and at a distance of only about thirty feet allowing us to get some good views.

The most striking thing about the bird was the head pattern. The basic head color was blue-gray, slightly darker in the facial area, with conspicuous white eyelets (crescents) above and below the eye. There was a small yellow central crown patch. The chin and throat were bright yellow with a sharp demarcation between the throat and breast. The flanks were streaked with black on a white background and there was a yellow patch on each upper flank. The mantle was grayish-brown streaked with black. The rump patch was bright yellow and conspicuous. The tail was dark gray with white oval spots in the outer rectrices, noticeable only when the bird flew but they could be seen on the undertail when the bird was at rest. The wings were dark gray with two white wing bars formed by the tips of the median and greater coverts

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From the plumage I considered that the bird was either an adult ♀ or a ♂ in alternate 1 plumage -

I have seen this race of Yellow-rumped Warbler on ~~several~~ occasions in Arizona, Colorado, California and Alaska and also once in the past at Presque Isle.

Lighting conditions were excellent throughout the observation period. Equipment used 10x42 Zeiss Dialyt binoculars.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Audubon's Warbler ()

Date of Sighting: 7 May 1994 to 7 May 1994

Location: PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK

County: ERIE

Observer(s): Jerry McWilliams

Ed Kwater

Date of Submission: 1994

Submitted by: Jerry McWilliams; Ed Kwater

Written Description: YES Photo: NO Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas		X						
N. Pulcinella		X						
E. Kwater		X						
R. Ickes		X						
G. McWilliams		X						
P. Schwalbe		X						
J. Skinner		X						
TOTALS		7						
DECISION		X						

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F. C. Haas

Date:

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