

New Mexico Ornithological Society

Bird Records Committee Submittal Form

New Mexico Rare/Unusual Bird Report

1. Species: Orange-crowned Warbler

2. Number: 1

3. Location: Bosque del Apache NWR

4. Date(s): 12/13/12 (Count-week bird)

5. Time(s): 8:45 AM

6: Reporting observer:

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7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird: None.

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: None.

9. Light conditions: Very good, the Sun was at an angle to the warbler.

10. Optical equipment: Observed with 8X40 binoculars.

11. Distance to bird: At the closest, it was less than 10 meters away.

12. Duration of observation: I watched this bird for several minutes.

13. Habitat: This bird was foraging in dense riparian thickets (willow/cottonwood/salt cedar) along a canal.

14. Behavior: This bird was feeding in a large mixed-species flock with Yellow-rumped Warblers, kinglets, Bushtits, sparrows, etc.

15. Description: This bird was a small passerine, about the same size as Yellow-rumped Warblers by direct comparison. It was readily identifiable as a warbler by the body shape and bill shape. The entire upperparts, wings, tail and head were dull green. The underparts were dull yellow and the chest had numerous indistinct grayish streaks. It had a dull green head with a noticeable dark line through the eye and a noticeable pale supercilium. It had a very sharp, thin pointed beak.

16. Voice: I heard it call several times with sharp, loud chip notes; noticeably different than Yellow-rumped Warblers call notes.

17. Similar species: The only other generally all yellow birds normally found at the Bosque at this time of year are goldfinches. The beak shape, behavior and body shape readily separated this bird from goldfinches.

18. Photographs? None.

19. Previous experience with this species: I have observed this species many times previously.

20. Aids: None needed.

21. This description written from: Notes taken at time of observation.

22. Are you positive of your identification? Yes.

23. Signature, date & time report written:

Dave Hawksworth 12/23/12 1:00 PM