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RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

SPECIES:

Chestnut-sided Warbler

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DATE REPORT PREPARED:

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DATE SIGHTING OCCURRED:

5/30/2006

LOCALITY OF OBSERVATION:

Camas NWR, near Hamer, Jefferson County. In the shelter belt that runs north/south along Camas Creek north of the headquarters, referred to as "The Dogleg".

HABITAT:

Riparian Shelter Belt

CONDITIONS:

Sunny and calm. Distance 30-40 yards. Binocs are 10 x 42 Nikon Premier.

DID YOU TAKE NOTES?:

No, not at all

DID YOU CONSULT FIELD GUIDE OR OTHER REFERENCES?:

Yes, later the same day

WHAT GUIDE(S) OR REFERENCE(S) DID YOU CONSULT?:

Peterson's Warblers, Dunne and Garret

DESCRIPTION:

Female Chestnut Sided Warbler. Very drab individual. Unmarked white underparts, two distinct thin yellow wings bars not forming a patch, dull yellow cap, white tail spots, black bill, white throat, white face with black markings but exact location of these markings not noted, small area of darker smudges on sides of breast but the color of these markings was not seen.

BEHAVIOR:

Foraging in lower canopy and on dead trees above new green growth on lower part of same trees.

HOW AND WHEN DID YOU POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THE BIRD, AND WHAT CLINCHED THE IDENTIFICATION FOR YOU?

It was ID'd by Darren so I already knew what it was when I saw it. The yellow wing bars, yellow cap, white underparts with smudges on sides of breast and black marks on the face convinced me. I confirmed my ID when I checked Peterson's Warblers about 20 minutes later.

HOW DID YOU ELIMINATE SIMILAR SPECIES, AND WHAT WERE THEY?

Only three North American Warblers have yellow wing bars, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Prairie Warbler, and Golden-winged Warbler. Prairie is entirely yellow. Golden-winged has wing bars that bleed together, not distinctly separate wing bars. Golden-winged also has a black throat which this bird did not show.

EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES (AND SIMILAR SPECIES):

I've seen numerous Chestnut-sided Warblers on trips to NJ and NY as well as a handful in ID.

GENERAL BIRDING EXPERIENCE:

13 years

WERE PHOTO(S), VIDEO, AND/OR AUDIO OBTAINED BY YOU?:

None