

NOTES

A RECORD OF THE BAY-BREASTED WARBLER FROM UTAH

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A new species to be added to the list of birds known to occur in Utah is the Bay-breasted Warbler (*Dendroica castanea*). Two warblers were seen by the authors very late in the afternoon of 25 May 1974 foraging in a mixed growth of cottonwoods and squawbrush along the floodplains of the White River at an elevation of 5200 feet about five miles east of Bonanza, Uintah County, northeastern Utah. Realizing that they were different, but not knowing for certain what kind of warbler was represented, the junior author collected one. It proved to be a fat male with testes measuring 6 x 4 mm. It is now number 22249, University of Utah collection. The identity of the second warbler could not be ascertained.

This species breeds in northern coniferous forests from the northeastern edge of the United States westward across Canada to southeastern British Columbia. It winters from the Canal Zone south to northern South America. The main corridor of migration is in the eastern United States. The species is considered to be a casual migrant in the Plains region. The occurrence of the species in Utah, still further west, might be expected if birds from British Columbia travel directly south and north to and from their wintering grounds, but the species may be truly of accidental occurrence in the state. It has been reported once in Arizona (Speich and Parker, *Western Birds* 4:53-57, 1973), once in New Mexico (Hubbard, *Checklist of the birds of New Mexico*, *New Mexico Ornithol. Soc. Publ. No. 3*, 1970), and numerous times in California (Small, *The birds of California*, Winchester Press, N. Y., 1974).