

NOTES

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER IN UTAH

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On 27 September 1974 we collected a male Black-throated Blue Warbler (*Dendroica caerulescens*) in immature plumage at the headquarters of the Desert Experimental Range (1,601 m elev.) in Millard Co., Utah, 75.6 km west of Milford. The specimen (No. 5369, Brigham Young Univ. Life Science Museum, Provo, Utah) weighed 10 g. It was assigned to the race *caerulescens* by Mrs. Roxie C. Laybourne of the National Fish and Wildlife Laboratory, U.S. National Museum. All but the frontal portions of the bird's skull were 2-layered and pneumatized. The warbler, in company with Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warblers (*Dendroica coronata*), was in a planted windbreak of Juniper, Russian Olive, Honey Locust, Black Locust, and Siberian Elm adjacent to the buildings and near a small permanent source of water.

This apparently is the first specimen of this warbler collected from the state of Utah, although several sight records have been reported. Charles Lockerbie and Guy Emerson noted the species at Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., on 24 October 1953 (Scott, Audubon Field Notes 8:33, 1954), William H. Behle recorded one in South Willow Canyon, Stansbury Mountains, Tooele Co., Utah, on 16 October 1955 and three were seen in 1963 near Cedar City, Iron Co., by Stewart Murie on 20 May, 19 August and 10 September (Behle and Perry, Utah birds: Check-list, seasonal and ecological occurrence charts and guides to bird finding. Utah Mus. Nat. Hist., Univ. Utah, 1975). This species, along with other species of eastern warblers, seemingly has been observed in the western United States more frequently in recent years than formerly; this has been attributed to more observers in the field now than previously (Austin, Condor 73:455, 1971). The several Utah records probably are a part of this phenomenon.