

**PALM WARBLER OBSERVATIONS IN IDAHO**

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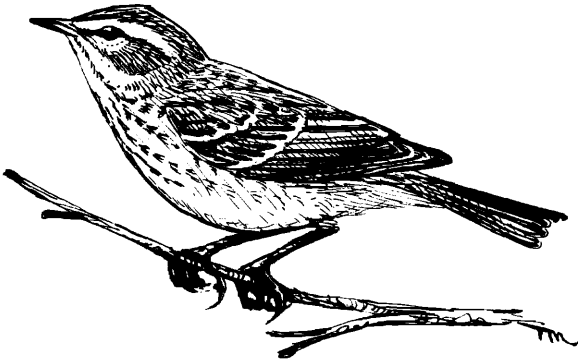
On the morning of 20 September 1981 Rolf Koford and I saw a Palm Warbler (*Dendroica palmarum*) in the tiny desert town of Atomic City, Bingham County, southeast Idaho. It was first discovered in a yard, feeding on the ground and in some small bushes. We watched the bird for 2 minutes through binoculars at a distance of about 15 m. before it flew off with a flock of Yellow-rumped Warblers (*Dendroica coronata*). Later the same morning we relocated a Palm Warbler, very likely the same bird, in another yard where it was also seen by Mark Reynolds.

This Palm Warbler's most evident field mark was the distinct yellow undertail coverts, made obvious by the bird's habit of tail-wagging. The general body color was dull brown, but lighter ventrally. There were faint wing bars, a light eye stripe, and a small amount of white in the tail feathers. My familiarity from banding and studying this species in the field in other parts of the country facilitated recognition.

Neither Burleigh (Birds of Idaho, Caxton Press, Caldwell, Idaho, 1972) nor Larison et al. (A guide to Idaho birds, J. Idaho Acad. Sci., Vol. 5, 1967) reported the Palm Warbler as occurring in Idaho. To my knowledge the only previous records for the state were two from fall, 1979. Joe Jeppson banded and photographed an immature bird on 9 September, and Charles H. Trost saw an individual on 18 October. Both of these observations were from Pocatello (Rogers, Am. Birds 34:184, 1980). On the basis of these records, this warbler should be considered a rare fall migrant in southeast Idaho.

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Sketch by Tim Manolis