

Townsend's Warbler

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Davenport, Scott Co., IA

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Record Number: 81-DZ

Classification: A-D

REFERENCE

Feeney, T.J. 1950. Townsend's Warbler at Davenport. IBL 20:61.

VOTE (1981): 4-III, 2-IV, 1-VI

III, minimal description, competent observers.

VI, Poor description: 'black crown, striped sides' does not even rule out blackpoll. 'distinctive face pattern' is not a specific description.

III, Both very careful obs.

IV, Sight record, 2 observers -- ?? descriptions very short: 'distinctive face pattern' 'black crn. & striped sides'. In absence of further marks, the bird might be a golden-cheeked warbler. Nothing known about observer.

IV, No description of bird, but apparently well seen, and observers had previous experience with species.

REVOTE (at meeting, 1 May 1981): 6-III, 1-IV

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Townsend's Warbler at Davenport.—A Townsend's Warbler (*Dendroica townsendi*) was observed by Thomas Morrissey and me on Sunday, May 7, 1950, in a ravine at Fejuvary Park, Davenport. Two days previous there had been wind of gale proportions throughout a good bit of the state, coming in from the southwest, and this was probably responsible for the presence of this western species. We were able to watch it in full sunlight through good binoculars for almost ten minutes as it worked through the upper branches of the small trees of the ravine. Lack of a gun and it being Sunday and a city park made collecting out of the question, but the distinctive face pattern, the combination of black crown and striped sides made identification certain. I had seen the bird previously in the southwest.

In a similar ravine in a residential section of the same part of the city a few days before I had observed a Hooded Warbler (*Hirundo citrina*). It stayed in full view in the open for over a half hour. I have heard that this southern warbler was observed in many places to the north of its ordinary range this spring, but have seen no other records to date.—THOMAS J. FEENEY, Davenport, Iowa.