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Field Notes
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Connecticut Warbler:

I first observed this ground-loving, vireo-sized, warbler on 30 Aug at 8 A.M. It appeared as an olive-backed and yellow bellied warbler with a faint eye ring. No wing bars were visible. The next day, apparently the same bird was found only 80 ft. from where it was the previous morning. This time I had my 35x binocs and saw pink legs and a faded brownish throat, not yellow like the rest of the underside. Undertail coverts were bright yellow.

Black Throated Blue Warbler:

This fall I was fortunate enough to find, on separate dates, two of this species. The first sighting was from a deep deciduous woodland at 3 P.M., on 3 Sep. The lighting was poor, but the diagnostic 'pocket patch' at the corner of the female's wing showed clearly. It was typically sized for a warbler. Brown-gray above, lighter below. The second sighting was of a male in breeding plumage on 9 Sep. Lighting conditions were near perfect for my binocs, this time. Brilliant light-blue above and white below with a strip of black separating the two. The white wing patch was obvious, as was a bit of white between the black and blue near the base of the wing. Feet drab, face and throat black. Foraged at 4-7 ft. for 5 minutes.