

mild), while participating in a Christmas Count at Hospital Lake, Norman, Cleveland County, central Oklahoma, George M. Sutton, Richard Gilliland, and I observed a Bay-breasted Warbler (*Dendroica castanea*) at close range (1975, Amer. Birds, 29: 172, 476). When first seen, the bird was fly-catching from the edge of a juniper tree in which a small flock of Purple Finches (*Carpodacus purpureus*) also were feeding. The warbler did not fly off when the finches did, thus allowing us an extended viewing as close as 15 feet.

We carefully noted the yellowish tone of the head, the streaked back, white tail-corners, white wing-bars, unstreaked breast, faint tawny-buff of the sides and flanks, and darkish legs and feet. About two hours after our observation I studied the Bay-breasted Warbler specimens at the OU Bird Range and found that the bird we had been watching was precisely like immature female *D. castanea* in Dr. Sutton's collection.

According to the AOU Check-list (1957, p. 500), the Bay-breasted Warbler winters from "central and eastern Panama" southward to northern South America. Although Sutton (1967, Oklahoma birds, p. 509) mentions Oklahoma "records" for 4 October and 9 November, these are open to question; a warbler that Sutton himself saw on 8 September 1973 at Hospital Lake was, in his opinion, a Bay-breasted Warbler in first winter feather. In any event, the 14 December sighting reported above is important.—Warren D. Harden, 1416 Huntington Way, Norman, Oklahoma 73069, 6 November 1975.

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