

DOCUMENTATION FORM  
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Yellow bellied Sapsucker How many? pair + nest  
Location? 3139 Birch Drive  
Type of Habitat? river bottom + acreage  
When? date(s): May through July 8 time: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Who? your name and address: Rita Goranson  
115 Lakeview Dr.  
Mason City, IA 50401  
Others with you: \_\_\_\_\_  
Others before or after you: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

May 10 - saw two -  
The male had a red throat + cap + white wing patch = 9 inch bird  
The female was duller + only a red cap - + wing patch.  
May 24 I watched the male feed the female  
June 8 - male + female feeding babies  
June 24 - male + female feeding babies  
heard young crying  
July 8 - female chasing downy around + off territory  
Similar species; how eliminated: I never saw babies -

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.  
40 ft or closer - in a dead branch of an elm.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:  
see them spring + fall

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? \_\_\_\_\_ this form completed? \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).