

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? BELL'S VIREO How many? 1Location? YARD OF HOME - N. OF IOWA CITY (JOHNSON Co)Type of habitat? SHRUBBERY AND TREES IN YARDWhen? date(s): 11/19/84 time: 8:00 AM to FOR 1-2 MINUTESWho? your name and address: JIM FULLERothers with you: NOothers before or after you: NO

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

SIZE - WARBLER VIREO SIZE

BACK WAS GRAYISH GREEN AND UNSTREAKED +
CAP WAS SLIGHTLY DARKER.

WHITE EYE RING AROUND DARK EYE.

TWO FAINT WING BARS WHICH WERE BUFFY (NOT WHITE)

THROAT AND BREAST WHITE

YELLOW WASH ON SIDES UNDER WINGS.

DARK LEGS

DID NOT NOTE BILL COLOR

BEHAVIOR - FORAGING IN SHRUBBERY

NO VOICE NOTED

Similar species and how eliminated: RUBY CROWNED KINGLET - TOO LARGE, YELLOW ON SIDES + BUFFY WING BARS. WHITE EYED VIREO - DARK EYE
ORANGE CROWNED WARBLER - EYE RING, WING BARS AND WHITE OF BREAST AND THROAT
CHESTNUT SIDED WARBLER (IMM.) - YELLOW WING BARS + SIDES
Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? BACK COLOR GRAY-GREEN NOT GREEN.

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

CLEAR WEATHER - 8:00 AM - SUN SHINING ON BIRD. SEEN THROUGH WINDOWS AT 15-20 FEET WITH 9X50 BUSHNELL BINOCULARSPrevious experience with species and similar ones: FAMILIAR WITH THIS SPECIES + SIMILARReferences and persons consulted before writing description: PETERSON GUIDEHow long before field notes made? IMMEDIATE this form completed? 12 HOURS

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