

DOCUMENTATION OF BIRD SIGHTING IN IOWA

Species Bell's Vireo

How many Two

Location Jefferson County Park, Fairfield, IA (Jefferson County, SE Iowa)

Type of habitat Park. Nest in rose bush among small scotch pines on hillside. Scrubby territory, hard to walk through without getting scratched.

When May 29, May 30, 1988

Who Dr. John Goodman, of Redlands, Calif., showed me the nest. (Diane Porter, 908 East Briggs, Fairfield IA 52556).

Others with you Michael Porter accompanied me on one trip.

Others before or after you Dr. John Goodman

Description (from my notes)

Vireo shape

inconspicuous spectacles

2 wingbars, second much more conspicuous than first.

yellowish lower belly.

One sang Bell's vireo song many times.

One slipped off nest as we approached each day. Nest a tiny, very pretty cup, twice as deep as it was wide, one foot about ground in rose bush. On first viewing there were 3 pale-peach-colored eggs. Second day there were 4 eggs.

Similar species; how eliminated See report on other Bell's vireo.

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about the identification? No.

Viewing conditions: lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment Clear sunny day.

Distance 5-100 feet (estimated). Zeiss 8-power and 10-power binoculars.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: See other report. I've been doing a lot of Bell'sing the past week.

References and persons consulted before writing descriptions: none

How long before field notes made? On the spot *This form completed* 3 days.

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