

Prairie Warbler  
26 Apr 1954  
Grundy Center, Grundy Co., IA  
Mrs. J. R. King  
King 1954

Record Number: 81-DO  
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

King, Mrs. J.R. 1954. Bird notes from central Iowa. IBL 24:59.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Tom Kent to Records Committee, 13 Sep 1993

VOTE (1981): 3-III, 3-IV, 1-V

III, minimum detail.

IV, only detail given: 'chestnut stripes on back'.

IV, Apparently well seen - could be III with a more complete description.

REVOTE (1993): 4 A-D, 3 NA

NA, Lacking in specifics.

A-D, Reluctantly. While date is very early especially for this location and the chestnut streaks are hard to see, that she saw them at all suggests a good view.

A-D, If we apply current standards of evidence to old records, we will end up with a terribly skewed picture of avifauna trends in the state. Chestnut streaks on back plus length of observation OK for this record.

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13 September 1993

To: IOU Records Committee

From: Tom Kent

Re: Request for reconsideration of record

**Record:** 81-DO Prairie Warbler

**Reason for request:** A test of how good old records need to be.

**Comment:** The observer got a good look at this warbler for 15 minutes and passed on to us the most important field mark (chestnut streaks in the back). Are these marks diagnostic under the circumstances?

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**Bird Notes from Central Iowa.**—It was my good fortune to come upon a number of interesting and unusual birds during the 1954 season. I was delighted to find a Prairie Warbler among my bushes on April 26. I had a very close view in good light and the bird was under observation for 15 minutes, with all markings, including the chestnut lines on the back, plainly seen. 10

On May 10, Mrs. J. E. Rose and I drove to Goose Lake just east of Jewell. As we stood on the shore watching several Hudsonian Godwits, a Black-necked Stilt flew in near shore, where it remained for about 20 minutes. We were behind a screen of bushes, so the birds were not disturbed by our presence. When we reached Little Wall Lake, we were fortunate in finding many shore-birds, including seven Piping Plovers. The Piping Plovers were still there on May 13, when Mr. and Mrs. John Barlow and I drove over to the lake. We also found a Florida Gallinule among the numerous Coots.

Mrs. Barlow and I went to Black Hawk Creek in Waterloo on May 19; she had discovered a Yellow-crowned Night Heron there a few days before. Good fortune was with us again, for we located the bird very quickly. As I drove from Upper to Lower Pine Lake on June 1, I discovered a Western Kingbird on a fence; I watched it for a full half hour. While exploring Big Marsh north of Parkersburg on the morning of August 10, I saw a Little Blue Heron in juvenile plumage. In the afternoon Mrs. Harold Brown and I met Mr. and Mrs. John Barlow at the marsh. We soon located three Little Blues. They were not far away, and with a 20-power 'scope we had a perfect view of them.—MRS. J. RAY KING. Grundy Center, Iowa.