

Common Yellowthroat  
26 Dec 1993  
Montrose, Lee Co., IA  
\*Moore  
IBL 64:50, 68

Record Number: 93-36  
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

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REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 64:50

Records Committee: IBL 64:68

VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D, The bird was about ten miles from Iowa's 1st winter record of this species.

## DOCUMENTATION FORM

93-36

For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Common Yellowthroat How many? 1 ♀Location? At edge of Cemetery on North side of Montrose, Lee County, IowaType of Habitat? Natural spring wetland that empties into Mississippi at MontroseWhen? date(s): December 26, 1993 time: 3:20 pm to 3:25 pmWho? your name and address: Francis L Moore, 336 Fairfield St, Waterloo, IA 50703Others with you: John Cecil, Des MoinesOthers before or after you: None

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.

We were looking around the edge of a partially open wetland for new species on the Keokuk CBC when I noticed a small bird hopping around feeding in shallow water under and around branches and logs in the water. The bird was small. Smaller than <sup>House</sup> sparrow size. The throat, belly and undertail coverts were bright lemon yellow in color with no visible brown or brownish wash in the under parts. The auricular area was a light olive color and the bird had a pale yellowish eyering. The top of the head was a darker olive color. The bill was very dark gray to blackish. The back wings and tail were a dark olive color overall. The legs and feet were a light pink color. This was a typically colored female Common Yellowthroat.

Similar species; how eliminated: Nashville Warbler has grayish head with bold white eyering. Pine Warbler has dark streaks on the sides and white belly and undertail coverts. Female Yellow Warbler is paler on upper surfaces. All of these also have black legs unlike this bird. Wilson's Warbler auricular area is yellowish.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? No  
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.  
Good lighting from approx 30' to 40' using 10x40 binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Lots of experience with C. Yellowthroat  
lots of experience with similar species listed above

References and persons consulted before writing description: None

How long before field notes made? None made this form completed? 19 hours

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