

Prairie Warbler  
21 May 1977  
Macbride Field Campus, Johnson Co., IA  
\*M. Newlon  
IBL 47:61

Record Number: 81-DS  
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

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REFERENCE

Field Reports: IBL 47:61.

VOTE (1981): 4-II, 1-III, 2 abstain  
disqualified - I saw and heard it.  
my obs.

III, documentation OK - several observers. The number of  
seasoned observers it is certainly OK.

II, well describe; seen by many reliable observers.

1. Species Prairie Warbler 2. Number: 1Location MacBride Field campus (NE of No. 6 Liberty, IA)4. Date: 21 May 1977 5. Time Bird seen: 9:30 - 9:50<sup>Am</sup> to ; 12 noon6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

back, wings, tail greenish-olive, back with dull streaking of brown. in flight, white in outer tail feathers in the distal 1/3. underparts bright yellow, with bold narrow black streaks along sides. 2 dull white wingbars. face yellow, with a dark line through eye, and a dark line curving beneath it, the 2 lines merging at base of bill + behind eye.

7. Description of voice, if heard: ascending series of five, then, high-pitched, wim. notes, 5-8 in series: -----8. Description of behavior: perched, singing in tops of small saplings; flying between perches; twice observed to pursue field sparrow's9. Habitat - general: old field with saplings, poison ivy, briars, but rather sparsely specific: plowed. second growth woods on one side of field.

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 &amp; 8, Explain:

of the other warblers with yellow underparts + streaks + wingbars, none other have the combination of (1) facial pattern described (2) brown streaks on back (3) song etc.

11. Distance (how measured)? 30 - 100' (est)12. Optical equipment: 8x32 binoculars  
20-40x60 scope

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

Cloudy day. sun at various angles to observer (in line to 90° angle)

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

have seen the species in Mass, Md, Va, have seen most other warblers of the eastern US

15. Other observers:

R. DeCoster16. Did the others agree with your identification? yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

none consulted before writing description

E. Peterson checked to make sure that assertion that all other spp were ruled out was correct.

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? transcribed

from field notes made immediately after seeing bird

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"On May 21 a vigorously singing Prairie Warbler was discovered in MacBride Field Campus (MN, RD). It sang all day, and was seen by several other Iowa City birders