

Black-and-white Warbler  
19 Feb 1981  
Ames, Story Co., IA  
\*Richard Nuss, \*Margaret Ord  
IBL 51:33, 52:43

Record Number: 81-27  
Classification: NA

DOCUMENTATION

Richard F. Nuss  
Margaret Ord

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 51:33  
Records Committee: IBL 52:43

VOTE: 4 III, 2 IV, 1 VI

III, amazing.

IV, probably correct but not very complete descriptions. White over top of head seems to be best mark. Observer's experience not known to me.

III, I have reservations about this, but the species is not hard to identify and Nuss should be a good enough observer to know what he had seen.

VI, Description not very detailed. 'Ringing buzz' if accurate rules out b & w & suggests siskin as does '2 seen, more in adjacent trees', and the singing in Dec. The only thing that does not fit siskin is the crown-stripe reported by one observer. (Should point out though, that b & w have been seen in NE in winter; I saw one on a Christmas count myself when I was in high school, and nobody believed me either!

III, ably observed and documented.

III, probably correct. I would like a little better differentiation from yellow-rumped - some females and young birds have very little yellow.

REVOTE at meeting 5 Sep 1981: 1 III, 2 IV, 1 V, 3 VI

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Summary of Review of an Ornithologic Observation  
by the Records Committee  
of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union

SPECIES: Black-and-white Warbler  
DATE SEEN: 19 Feb 1981  
SITE OF OBSERVATION: Ames  
OBSERVERS: Richard Nuss, Margret Oard  
DATE OF REVIEW: 1981, 5 Sep 1981  
METHOD OF REVIEW: mail, committee meeting  
CLASSIFICATION OF RECORD: VI  
COMMENTS:

*not seen*

Any action may be re-reviewed upon submission of additional evidence.

Explanation of Classification:

- I = labeled, diagnostic specimen, photograph, or recording available for review by the Committee
- II = acceptable sight record documented independently by 3 or more observers
- III = acceptable sight record documented by 1 or 2 observers
- IV = probably correct record, but not beyond doubt
- V = record with insufficient evidence to judge
- VI = probably incorrect identification, escapee, or otherwise unacceptable record

Classification is based on the highest category agreed upon by six of seven committee members.

1. Species Black and White Warbler 2. Number: 2 seen, more were heard in adjacent trees
3. Location central campus, ISU
4. Date: February 19, 1981 5. Time Bird seen: 10:00 AM to 9:50 AM
6. 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):  
 small warbler sized bird, plumage looks like someone poured hot fudge over vanilla ice cream
7. Description of voice, if heard: ringing buzz
8. Description of behavior: typical warbler, hopping from branch and singing almost continuously
9. Habitat - general: seen  
 specific: on spruce
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:
11. Distance (how measured)? about 4' overhead 12. Optical equipment:
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): full sun
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: have seen this species on numerous occasions
15. Other observers: Richard Nuss
16. 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:
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 4 days
- Margaret Jara Address: 412 Pamuel Ct Ames Ia 50010  
 Signature
- Date: February 23, 1981 City, State: Ames, Iowa



1. Species Black and White Warbler 2. Number: 1  
 3. Location Pine trees behind Old Botany Building I.S.U. Ames, Iowa  
 4. Date: Feb. 19, 1981 5. Time Bird seen: 9:50am to 9:51am

6. 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):

Size - warbler size  
 notched tail  
 black thin beak  
 feet color - unknown  
 Plumage - body covered with black and white streaks - head had white streak ~~down~~ top

7. Description of voice, if heard: not heard by myself.

8. Description of behavior: typical flitting warbler behavior

9. Habitat - general: in pine tree,

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

Black poll - streaked with white on head Pine siskin - beak no right  
 magnolia warb - no yellow and coloration was black & white  
 yellow rumped - no yellow not brown & white. No yellow

11. Distance (how measured)?

4 or 5 feet - estimate

12. Optical equipment:

none

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

Clear day - morning light, Good illumination

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

Have seen it many times, - Not a rare bird just a little early.

15. Other observers: Margi Ward, - first to see it.

16. Did the others agree with your identification? yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none so far as I know

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

Checked Peterson's Guide to make sure but wasn't really necessary.

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 10 hours

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 Signature

Date: Feb, 26, 1981 City, State: Ames, Iowa

Wrote down description of bird the evening of the 19th,  
 (over)  
 Didn't fill out this form until the 26th.