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Prairie Warbler
14 May 1923
Polk Co., IA
Kenneth R. Nelson
DuMont 1933

Record Number: 81-DL
Classification: NA

REFERENCES

DuMont 1931
DuMont 1933
VOTE (1981): 4-IV, 3-V
V, spring record, 1 observer, no documentation.
IV, see 5.

Dendroica discolor discolor (Vieillot). Northern Prairie Warbler

A rare straggler from the south. Anderson (1907) recorded a single observation by Morton E. Peck, who spent several hours trying to collect one of these birds in Linn County in 1896.

DuMont 1933
p 126

[DuMont (1931) listed four observations for Polk County: it was seen by Kenneth R. Nelson on May 14, 1923 and May 1, 1927; one was noted by Olivia McCabe, May 28, 1915; one was noted by Toni Wendelburg, September 13, 1930. The files of the U. S. Biological Survey contained a record of observations by a Mr. Mosher of West Liberty, Muscatine County. He noted a single bird September 29 and 30, 1922. There are no Iowa specimens. Evidence of breeding is entirely unsatisfactory.

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DuMont, P. A. 1931. Birds of Polk County Iowa. Des Moines, Des Moines Audubon Society p 57

NORTHERN PRAIRIE WARBLER, *Dendroica discolor discolor* (Vieillot).

Uncommon migrant. Fagen, 1909, p. 200: The prairie warbler is probably the smallest warbler that nests here, and has a quaint and curious song, for which it is most noted. Found usually in shrub dotted pastures or brushy light woods; it builds an elaborate and beautiful nest in a small tree or low bush.

[May 1, 1927 (Nelson); May 14, 1923 (Nelson); May 28, 1915 (McCabe); September 13, 1930 (Wendelburg).

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