

What species? Prothonotary Warbler How many? 1

Location? Bacon Creek Park, Sioux City, Iowa.

Type of habitat? closed canopy, deciduous woodland enclosing still-stagnant H<sub>2</sub>O

When? date(s): 5-28-86 time: 12:15 pm to 12:30 pm

Who? your name and address: BILL HUSER, 319 W. 17<sup>th</sup> St., So. Sioux City, NE 68776

others with you: Jerry Probst, 3325 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Sioux City, Iowa 51106

others before or after you: \_\_\_\_\_

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Bird of warbler proportions + actions first noted due to loud song. Sang from several conspicuous perches above water.

Perched bird (in open) exhibited bright golden-yellow head, extending to upper back, lower belly + flanks.

The following all yellow: nape, crown, cheek, throat, breast, belly, flanks.

Dark beak + eye contrasted with head color, as did the darker, greenish back.

Blue-gray wings without wing bars

Gray-white undertail coverts.

White tail spots contrasting with dark dorsal tail surface when in flight.

Song consistent with that given for Prothonotary Warbler on R.T. Petersen's Field Guide to Bird Songs (Record set)

Found in what may be suitable nesting habitat.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Blue-winged warbler - has dark eyestripe + wing bars; Nape not as yellow.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: good, direct lighting (sunlight); estimated 100 ft initially, reduced to 70 feet; 7x35 + 8x40 Binoculars.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: None with Prothonotary or blue-winged.

References and persons consulted before writing description: Nat'l Geographic Guide, Golden Field Guide, R.T. Petersen's Field Guide to Bird Songs (Record)

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Heard, but not seen, again on evening (5-6:00pm)  
5-29-86.

What species? Red-tailed Tropicbird  
Location: Baron Creek Park, Sioux City, Iowa  
Type of habitat: open meadow, deciduous woodland, edge of stream  
When? (date): 5-29-86 Time: 15:30 to 16:30 pm  
Who? (your name and address): Bill Husar, 50 W. 17th St., Sioux City, IA 51102  
Others with you: Jerry Frost, 3522 5th Ave., Sioux City, Iowa 51102  
Others before or after you:

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

One of several specimens + actions first noted due to loud song. Sing from several conspicuous perches above water. Irides of bird (in open) exhibited bright golden-yellow hue, extending to upper back, lower belly + flanks. The following all yellow: nose, crown, breast, throat, breast, belly, flanks. Back neck + eye contrasted with head color, as did the darker, greenish back. Green-gray wings without wing bars. Gray-white underparts / coverts. White tail spots contrasting with dark dorsal tail. Outset when in flight. Song consisted with that given for Red-tailed Tropicbird (see on E.T. Johnson's Field Guide to Bird Songs (1987)).

Similar species and how identified:  
Blue-winged Teal - has dark eye stripe on wing bars; legs not as yellow.

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

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:  
good, direct lighting (sunlight); estimated 100 ft initially, reduced to 70 feet; 2x55 + 8x40 Binoculars.  
Previous experience with species and similar ones: none with Red-tailed Tropicbird or Blue-winged Teal.  
References and persons consulted before writing description: Bill Husar's Field Guide to Bird Songs (1987), E.T. Johnson's Field Guide to Bird Songs (1987).  
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