

What species? PRARIE WARBLER How many? 1 MALELocation? HICKORY HILL PARK - IOWA CITYType of habitat? LARGE FIELD WITH SCATTERED DOWNWOOD SAPLINGS & CEDARSWhen? date(s): 23 MAY 1990 time: 6:25 to 6:30 AM  
7:15 to 7:20 AM  
12:20 to 12:35 PM  
4:35 to 4:45 PMWho? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW KNOLL, RR #6 IOWA CITYothers with you: CAL KNIGHTothers before or after you: TOM KENT, CARL BENDOLF, JIM SCHEIB, GERRY WHITE

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.

EARLY MORNING ON 23 MAY I WAS BIKING HICKORY HILL PARK WHEN I HEARD A BIRD CALL WITH AN ASCENDING ZEE-ZEE-ZEE-ZEE. HAVING JUST RETURNED FROM FLORIDA, WHERE SINGING PRARIE WARBLERS WERE COMMON, I TRACKED THE BIRD DOWN AND IT WAS INDEED A MALE PRARIE WARBLER. IT WAS GENERALLY WARBLER SIZE (5" APPROX) AND A YELLOWISH BIRD. THE THROAT, BELLY, AND BREAST WERE A DEEP YELLOW COLOR, EXCEPT FOR BOLD BLACK STREAKING ON THE SIDES OF THE BELLY AND BREAST. THE FACE WAS ALSO YELLOW WITH A BLACK EYE STRIPE AND A BLACK "SIDEburn" WHICH JOINED THE EYE STRIPE JUST BEHIND THE BILL. WHEN SEEN FROM BELOW, THE DEEP YELLOW TURNED TO A FADED YELLOW AT THE REAR OF THE BELLY AND THAT FADED TO WHITE IN THE VENT AREA. THE TOP OF HEAD, NAPE AND UPPER BACK WERE GREENISH BROWN, AND THE FOLDED WINGS AND TAIL WERE MORE BROWN THAN GREEN. THERE WERE VERY FAINT LIGHT WING BARS, BUT IT WAS OR HAD BEEN RAINING AND THEY WERE HARD TO SEE. (OVER)

Similar species and how eliminated:

PALM WARBLER IS A TAIL WALKER AND SIMILARLY COLORED, BUT HAS A BROWN CAP AND FAINT BROWN STRIPING AT SIDES OF BREAST, AND NO BLACK FACE PATTERN

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

THE DAY WAS OVERCAST AND EITHER RAINING OR HAD BEEN I OBSERVED THE BIRD WITH SWIFT AUDUBON 8.5 X 44 BINOCULARS AT 25 FEET TO 125 FEET.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

SEEN MANY TIMES DOWN SOUTH - TWICE BEFORE IN IOWA AT SUMMER

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATE this form completed? 13 HOURS

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THE LEGS WERE DARK, AND THE EYEBROWS DARK. I  
COULD NEVER SEE ANY RED STREAKING ON UPPER BACK,  
BUT THE BIRD WAS WET.

BEHAVIOR: THE BIRD SPENT MOST OF THE TIME SINGING  
FROM CONSPICUOUS PERCHES 8' - 40' OFF THE GROUND.  
ON TWO OCCASIONS, I SAW THE BIRD PUMP ITS  
TAIL UP AND DOWN 2 OR 3 TIMES.

SONG: A ZEE-ZEE-ZEE-ZEE WHICH WAS ASCENDING.  
IT COULD BE HEARD 200-300 YARDS AWAY AT TIMES.

I ALSO OBSERVED THIS BIRD AGAIN:

24 MAY	7:25 - 7:35 AM
25 MAY	8:20 - 8:25 AM
26 MAY	8:25 - 8:35 AM

ALTHOUGH SOMETIMES AT VERY CLOSE RANGE, I  
COULD NEVER SEE THE RED STREAKING ON UPPER BACK