

DOCUMENTATION OF EXTRAORDINARY BIRD SIGHTING

**Species:** Cape May Warbler; **Number:** 1 male

**Location:** 301 Shelly Lane NW, Cedar Rapids, Linn Co., IA

**Date:** 26 December 1999; **Time:** 10:05 to 10:35 a.m.

**Name and address:** Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City, IA 52246.

**Others before/with/after:** M. Joyce Miller at her home; seen previously by Jim Durbin and Mike Dooley.

**Habitat and circumstances:** At feeder near west edge of town at home of M. Joyce Miller and John Hlavacek.

**Description of bird:** A warbler-sized bird with thin black pointed bill, yellow breast with prominent black streaks, yellow throat extending up sides of face to collar, white undertail, dark gray-green on top of head and back with faint streaking (fine darker lines), auricular patch with suggestion of rufous tinge, yellow rump, thin white wing bars.

**Voice:** not heard

**Similar species:** none

**Any one have reservations?:** no

**Light:** shady; **Distance:** 20 feet; **Optics:** 10x binocular, 400mm lens

**Previous experience:** I see a few most years in Iowa, none in winter.

**References before/after viewing:** none

**Time of notes:** 4 hours; **Final typing:** 1 week.



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