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

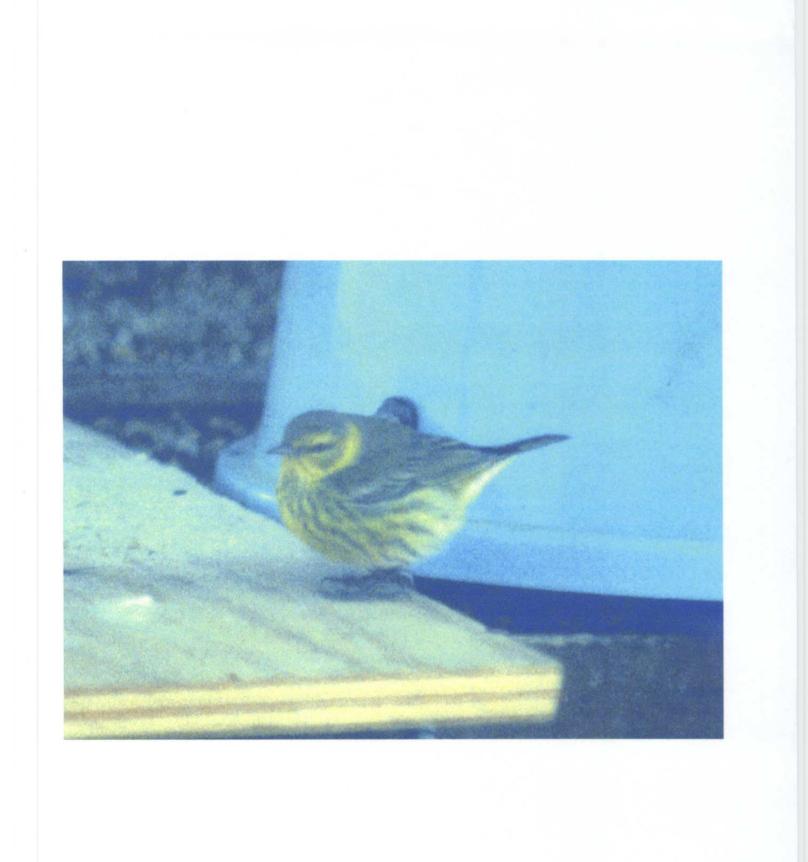
Any one have reservations?: no

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

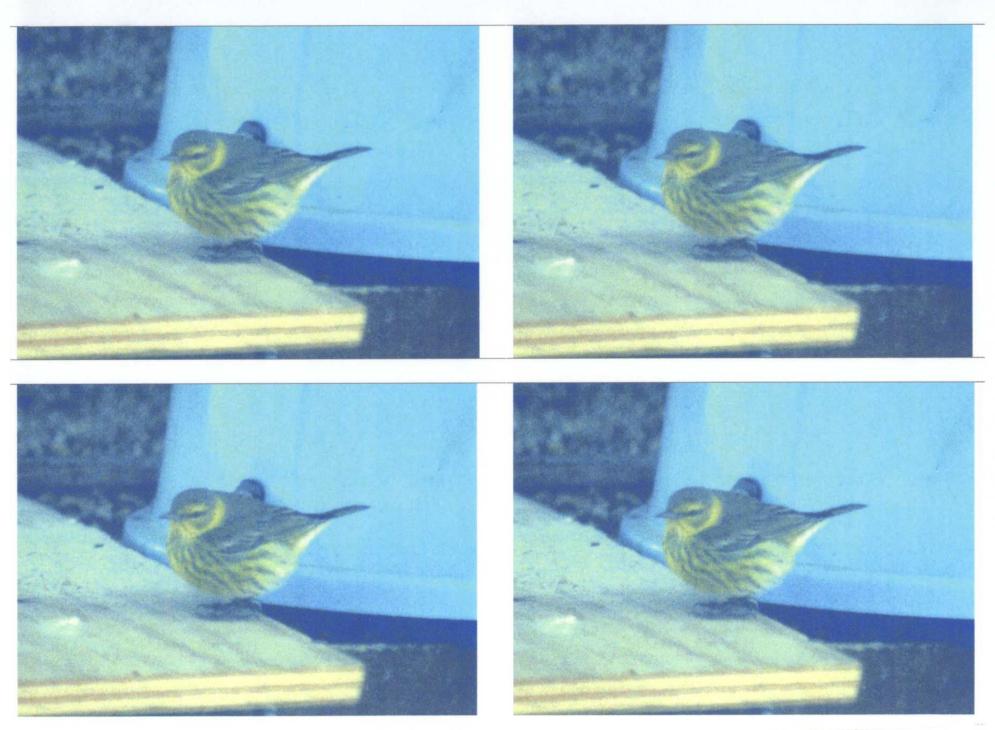
Previous experience: I see a few most years in Iowa, none in winter.

References before/after viewing: none

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



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