

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Prairie Warbler How many? 1Location? Shimek state forest - Croton Unit - Lee CountyType of habitat? large clearing, fairly high, surrounded by mature woods - clearing had tall weeds, poison ivy + small brushy growthWhen? date(s): July 12, 1985 time: 8:10 AM - 8:13 AM  
8:40 AM to 8:45 AMWho? your name and address: Beth Proescholdt, Liscomb, Iowaothers with you: Mark Proescholdtothers before or after you: Bob Cecil, Francis Moore, Steve Dinsmore

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.

We were alerted to the bird by its repeated songs coming from the mature trees close to the clearing where we waited.

The ascending "zee-zee-zee-zee-zee-zee--" was

reminiscent of a Parula's song, but each note was separate + distinct rather than an ascending trill of a Parula.

Soon it flew out into the clearing to a small shrub about 20 feet away, perching  $\frac{1}{2}$  a minute 2 feet from the ground,

flew to another bushy sapling, + then away. It sang from a distance a few times. Half an hour from the first sighting

we saw + heard it again 25 yards away, in sumac + brush next to the forest, flitting around from 1 to 7 feet from ground.

On each sighting I saw the yellow undersides, the black streaks on sides of neck + body, the two black face marks - through the eye + along the jaw, two pale yellow wing-bars, + olive-green back. Once as it flew I saw white in its undertail. I didn't see the chestnut

Similar species and how eliminated:

I saw it so well there was no confusing it with another species. (over)

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

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

Cloudy, light fog, a few sprinkles; distance estimated; binoculars used.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I have seen + heard a Prairie Warbler once before

References and persons consulted before writing description: Field guides - Peterson's, National Geographic, + Audubon's Master Guide.

How long before field notes made? At once this form completed? July 19, 1985

