

Prairie Warbler  
28 May 1978  
Wildcat Den State Park, Muscatine Co., IA  
\*N. Halmi  
IBL 48:75

Record Number: 81-DU  
Classification: NA

DOCUMENTATION

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REFERENCE

Field Reports: IBL 48:75

VOTE (1981): 4-III, 3-IV

III, song is distinctive.

IV, good observer, but not seen. Doubt that Nick would mistake call, but it is easy to do.

IV, not seen.

III, Song is diagnostic if observer is experienced. True in this case.

1. Species Prairie Warbler 2. Number 1
3. Location across the road from entrance to Wildcat Den S.P., Muscatine Co.
4. Date: 5/28/78 5. Time Bird Seen: 9:45 to 10:20 AM
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

not seen

gradually rising in pitch

7. Description of voice, if heard: several separate notes at the same pitch, then a buzzy "glissando" run to the upper limits of audibility; duration > 2 sec,
8. Description of behavior: not seen about 3 songs/min
9. Habitat - general: field margin  
specific: in saplings (8-10' tall) at edge of uncultivated, fenced-off field
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:  
N. Parula: shorter, coarser buzz with abrupt ending; Field Sparrow: trill at end of song accelerando on same pitch, but arching chromatically
11. Distance (how measured)? est. 40 ft. open closest
12. Optical equipment: not used
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):  
light rain, overcast
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:  
heard and seen last May near Iowa City; was banded in Florida 1973 and 1977. Song considered diagnostic.
15. Other observers: -
16. Did the others agree with your identification? -
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: -
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:  
listened to Peterson and Borner records; confirmatory of diagnosis
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?  
next day (24 hr)
- Signature: A. H. H. H. Address: R# 6
- Date: 5/29/78 City, State: Iowa City, IA 52240