

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Black-throated green warbler How many? 2

Location? Brookside Park, Ames, Iowa

Type of habitat? Deciduous bottomland forest

When? date(s): April 8, 1986 time: 8:00 am to 9:00 am

Who? your name and address: Burt Shephard, 803 Delaware Ave., Ames, IA 50010

others with you: Dan Block, Joe Stratton, about 5 other members of bird study class

others before or after you: none known

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.

4" long warbler, green back, bright greenish-yellow side of face. Black throat that did not extend very far onto breast identified birds seen as females. Dumb sides and wings. 2 white wing bars seen. Slight amount of dark streaking on sides of white breast. Actively foraging in small trees, large shrubs 10-15 feet above ground. No call heard.

Similar species and how eliminated: no question about identification

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

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

Sunny to open shade, 10-50 feet, with binoculars and 200mm lens.

Have several photographs of bird. Taken by Dan Block

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have photographed same species from less than 10 feet away in Illinois

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? no delay this form completed? 1 week

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