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DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Cerulean Warbler How many? 1Location? Stone Park State Park, Sioux CityType of habitat? Wooded; oak, willow, box-elderWhen? date(s): 21 May 1983 time: 1200 to 1215Who? your name and address: David Ewert The Nature Conservancyothers with you: none 424 10th St, Suite 311
Des Moines IA 50309others before or after you: ||

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.

First heard singing, resembled song of Cerulean Warblers heard in Michigan. Bird later spotted in an oak, where it fed and was seen singing. The blue upperparts, black chest band, white wing bars and clear white underparts with some black streaks were clearly seen.

Similar species and how eliminated: No similar species. Of blue-backed warblers Parula has yellow underparts w/ chestnut band (song is different too) and Black-thr. blue has black throat, breast etc., different song and a white wing patch.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? —

If yes, explain:

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

7x35 binoculars, sunny, bird about 60' away.Previous experience with species and similar ones: MichiganReferences and persons consulted before writing description: NoneHow long before field notes made? 24 hrs this form completed? 24 hrs

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