

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Magnolia Warbler How many? 1Location? Lacey-Keosauqua SP, Van Buren County, IAType of habitat? Shrubs and saplings along creek.When? date(s): 18 April 1982 time: 0705 to 0710Who? your name and address: James P. Sandroek, 1634 Morningside Drive, Iowa City, IAothers with you: N/Aothers before or after you: N/A

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.

While walking along creek bank, I noticed small, warbler-sized bird flitting in heavy growth of shrubs growing alongside creek at Ely Ford, Lacey-Keosauqua SP. I was able to get close enough to bird to see it clearly without binoculars at first, but used binoculars as bird worked its way from me. The bird first seemed to be a Yellow-rumped Warbler, for I could identify the blue-gray back, the black face mask, and the yellow patch on the rump. As I got closer, however, I was able to look down on the bird from the creek bank. The bird did not have a yellow crown, and the black on the breast was clearly seen to be heavy black striping on a yellow breast. The wings revealed large white patches, and the black tail was semi-crossed by white band.

Similar species and how eliminated: The bird was not a Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler since it lacked yellow cap, had heavily streaked yellow breast, and showed wing patches rather than wing bars. The yellow patch before each wing (which would be characteristic of Yellow-rumped Warbler) was absent on this bird.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? N/A

If yes, explain:

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

Bright sun; 10' to 50' (est); with and without 7 x 35 binoculars.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Two species of warblers that I first identified when I began birding.

References and persons consulted before writing description: None

How long before field notes made? - this form completed? 9 June 1982

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