

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Pine Warbler How many? 1Location? Brookside Park, AmesType of habitat? mixed deciduous woodlandWhen? date(s): Sept. 4, 1985 time: 5:00 PM to 5:05 PMWho? your name and address: Steve Dinsmore 4024 Arkansas Dr. Ames, IA 50010

others with you: \_\_\_\_\_

others 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.

The bird was mixed in with several Chestnut-sided Warblers and an American Redstart. The bird was noticeably chunkier and slightly longer than these birds. The underparts were mostly yellowish, fading to white near the undertail coverts. The tail was white underneath, not buffy, and dark on top. The wings showed two rather large white wing-bars on an otherwise dark wing. The back was a dark olive color and clearly unstreaked. The head was uniform in color and was the same color as the back. The eye was dark. The bill and legs were also dark colored. Some faint streaking was present on the sides, not the breast.

Similar species and how eliminated:

The smaller, thinner bill and faint streaking on the sides eliminate a Yellow-throated Vireo. The white underside of the tail and undercoverts, unstreaked back and lack of prominent streaking on the underparts eliminate Blackpoll Warblers.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? Yes

If yes, explain: The possibility of a Yellow-throated Vireo or a fall Blackpoll Warbler was brought up.

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

Light was fair - sky was overcast and sun was behind me. Estimated viewing distance of 25-35'. I used a B&L 20x spotting scope and Nikon 8x23 Binoculars.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I have seen one Pine Warbler in Iowa (15 Sept, 1984) and numerous Blackpoll Warblers and Yellow-thr. Vireo.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? immediately this form completed? 3 hours

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