

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Pine Warbler How many? 1Location? Ledges State Park - Boone CountyType of habitat? Deciduous forest near small streamWhen? date(s): Aug. 24, 1987 time: 8:05 am to 8:10 amWho? your name and address: Robert K. Myers, R.R. 2, Box 153 Perry, Iowa 52728

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.

This bird was first noticed about 12' off the ground and about 20' from me as it perched in a small tree. It was immediately recognized as a fairly large warbler and put into the blackpoll bay-breasted and pine warbler complex. In a few cases, as with this one, the bird was cooperative enough to allow a close study.

The bird's head, hindneck, and back were olive-green. The throat and breast were quite yellowish with faint black <sup>(gray?)</sup> stripes (2 per side?) on the sides. The wings and tail were darker gray and each wing had two obvious wing bars (white). Undertail coverts were white. Eye, feet and bill were dark. Bill was also thin and pointed. Bird's back was unstreaked.

Similar species and how eliminated: The fact that the bird's back had absolutely no dark streaking eliminates bay-breasted and blackpoll warblers. The lack of the obvious yellow "spectacles", bill shape, <sup>and</sup> presence of faint streaks on the sides eliminates ~~yellow-throated vireo~~.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

The bird was viewed from about 20' with Lietz 10x40 binoculars (about min. focus). The light in the valley was even - not glaring sun and not deep shade.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I have seen Pine Warblers on several occasions.References and persons consulted before writing description: NoneHow long before field notes made? NONE MADE this form completed? SAME DAY

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