

DOCUMENTATION FORM  
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Yellow-rumped Warbler How many? 1

Location? Hickory Hill Park

Type of Habitat? edge of freshly cleared wooded area

When? date(s): 23 Aug 1987 time: 8:35 to 8:37

Who? your name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City, IA 52240

Others with you: none

Others before or after you: none

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

"Almost as big as Red-eyed Vireo. Horizontal posture, long tail.  
Yellow rump, yellow patches on sides/lupper flank, patchy yellow on top of crown. Gray-brown above with streaked back and slight light wingbars. Underparts gray with fainter streaks on sides and breast. Not heard. Bird not respond to pishing. Sluggish dull looking bird. Dark pointed bill."  
I did not see the tail spread or see it from below.

Similar species; how eliminated: I identified the bird immediately, but was surprised to see it, so I noted as many features as possible.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? NA  
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.  
Clear, sun behind me. About 20-30 ft. 10X binoculars.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Common bird out of season.

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? 10 min <sup>quoted above.</sup> this form completed? 3 hours

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).