

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Prairie Warbler How many? 1

Location? Johnson Co: 4/10 mi into MacBride Recreation Area, in a field on private land.

Type of Habitat? Dry upland, grassy field, with many low trees and shrubs; a few larger trees

When? date(s): 5 June 94 time: 8:20 am to 9:10 am

Who? your name and address: Jeff Dankert - 4402 Markle Rd #7, La Crosse WI 54601
Dave Dankert - 806 15th Ave SW #5, Cedar Rapids IA 52404

Others with you: Chris Edwards

Others before or after you: Chris Edwards found the bird 4 June 94

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.

Following directions given on the hotline, we listened for the bird at 8:20 am. After hearing the bird several times at a long distance, we heard it sing clearly several times at a closer distance. After listening to it sing for about 10 min, Chris Edwards arrived. We located the bird by standing along the fence line. We saw it perched about 30 m away, 1 m from the ground, on a dead branch. We observed its black face stripes, the yellow throat, breast, and belly, streaked flanks and olive back. The bird sang from this perch 3-4 times, and then flew to a larger tree 45 m away, and perched 15 m high. We observed it singing from this perch several times, then the bird flew down and out of sight to low brush. We searched, from the fence line, for another 15 min. We could not relocate the bird, but heard it singing. It ceased singing at 9:10 am. Its

Similar species; how eliminated: distinctive song was heard clearly; a series of separate, rising buzzy notes.

The observation of the bird, singing during observation, left no doubt to its identity.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? No
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.
Overcast, windy, (10-15mph), but bright. 30-45 m (estimated) Leica 8x42 binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones:
This bird was a life bird for us.

References and persons consulted before writing description: Peterson Guide to Bird Songs of Eastern + Central NA., and 3 field guides: Peterson, Golden, and National Geographic.

How long before field notes made? _____ this form completed? 12 hours

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