

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Pine Warbler How many? 1

Location? Cemetery in Cedar Falls, Blackhawk Co., Iowa

Type of Habitat? Mature conifer and deciduous trees

When? date(s): May 19, 1991 about time: 10:00AM to 10:05

Who? your name and address: Bob Cecil 1315 41st St. Des Moines, IA 50311

Others with you: Matt Kenne, John Cecil

Others before or after you: Nope

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.

Noted a warbler quite similar to a fall immature Bay-breasted or Blackpoll, except that throat and upper breast showed more yellow. After seeing this, looked carefully at back, which was a uniform unstreaked gray-green. Also noted, conspicuous wingbars, white undertail coverts. At the sides of the breast there were distinct if faint markings like rudimentary streaks. I noticed these on a couple of occasions while watching the bird. As suggested above, throat and upper breast were a medium yellow. No sounds were noted. Bird very actively flitted about the treetop (large oak) with other warblers.

Additional note: The streaking along the sides of the breast were along a very short section of the upper breast only.

Similar species; how eliminated: Saw a couple of Yellow-throated Vireos the same morning. Subject bird was different in general appearance and behavior than any vireo. Yellow-throated Vireo does not have the vague streaking along sides of breast.

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

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. Sky overcast.
Distance about 50ft. (guess). 10x40 ~~Xxxxx~~ Zeiss binocs.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: First for Iowa. Saw last spring in Texas.

References and persons consulted before writing description: Looked at NGS after identifying.

How long before field notes made? 10 min. this form completed? 1 week

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