

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Pine Warbler How many? 1Location? northern Marshall Co, on ridge along Iowa RiverType of habitat? high lightly-wooded pasture backed by heavy woodlands
on ridgeWhen? date(s): April 28, 1984 time: 12:05 to 12:10Who? your name and address: Beth Proescholdt, Liscomb, Iowaothers with you: Mark Proescholdt, Phyllis Harris

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 bright yellow throat, faintly streaked yellow breast, and 2 white wing bars were what I saw first on this bird. Then I noted the olive-green back, unstreaked, the white belly and fine bill. This combination of field marks could have the bird be only a Pine Warbler, when first seen it was low in some brush, flying to a spot about 20 feet away where it walked and fed in the grass near a downed log with a tangle of bushes behind it.

Similar species and how eliminated: Yellow-throated Vireo is similar but has a plain unstreaked yellow breast, throat, yellow spectacles and a heavier bill, while this bird had a dimly streaked breast, no spectacles and a fine bill.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

clear sky, sun behind us, 20' away (estimated), 6x30 binocularsPrevious experience with species and similar ones: I've seen 1 Pine Warbler, manyYellow-throated VireosReferences and persons consulted before writing description: Peterson's + Robbins' guides -Mark, Phyllis + I talked it overHow long before field notes made? at once this form completed? May 24

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