

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Bay-breasted Warbler 2. Number 1
3. Location Coralville Reservoir
4. Date: 10-20-79 5. Time Bird Seen: 12⁰⁰ to 12⁰⁵ Approx

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

Medium sized active warbler with 2 white wing stripes, olive back with five black streaks, white patches in tail, white under tail, yellow wash to throat and breast, five streaks on sides of breast, indistinct and incomplete small yellowish eye ring. Indistinct eye line - yellow in front, ~~dark~~ behind eye, dark upper mandible, light lower mandible, dark green legs, lighter feet.

7. Description of voice, if heard: not heard

8. Description of behavior: actively feeding, tame

9. Habitat - general: small trees along roadside, adjoining field

specific: road to Jolly Roger N of North Liberty, Johnson Co IA

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:

Pine and blackpoll warblers

11. Distance (how measured)?

6ft. 20ft nearest focal point for 8x40 Leitz Triovars

12. Optical equipment:

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

overcast

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

many seen. Pine warbler seen twice this fall

15. Other observers:

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16. Did the others agree with your identification? yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

none

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

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