

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? PRARIE WARBLER [♂] How many? 1Location? CROTON UNIT - SHIMEK STATE FOREST (ARGYLE-LEE Co.)Type of habitat? LARGE FIELD (40 ACRES) SURROUNDED BY TREES AND OVERGROWN WITH BRUSH +When? date(s): 7/5/85 time: 8:00 AM to FOR 5 MINUTES ^{SAPLINGS}Who? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW KNOLL, IOWA CITYothers with you: ROBERT CECIL, KEOKUK

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 BIRD WAS HEARD FOR 5-10 MINUTES BEFORE IT WAS VIEWED. IT WAS FIRST OBSERVED IN A SMALL BUSH ABOUT 5 FEET OFF THE GROUND. IT WAS WARBLER SIZE AND SHAPE. THE MOST NOTABLE FIRST IMPRESSION WAS THAT IT WAS YELLOW AND FLICKED ITS TAIL (LIKE A PALM WARBLER). DETAILS INCLUDED A BLACK EYE LINE AND A BLACK HALF MOON LINE UNDER THE EYE WITH YELLOW ABOVE, BELOW, AND BETWEEN. BACK, TAIL AND TOP OF HEAD WERE GRAY-GREEN. BREAST, THROAT, AND SIDES WERE BRILLIANT YELLOW, WITH BLACK STREAKING (BOLD) UNDER WINGS ALONG SIDE ONLY. THE YELLOW FADED TO ALMOST WHITE UNDER THE TAIL. THE WINGS WERE PRETTY MUCH THE SAME COLOR AS THE BACK WITH TWO FAINT YELLOW WING BARS. NO RED MARKINGS WERE OBSERVED ON BACK. SONG WAS CLEAR, BUT NOT PARTICULARLY LOUD TRILL WHICH ROSE TOWARD THE END. IT WAS GIVEN EVERY 15-30 SECS.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

9x36 BUSHNELL BINOCULARS. DISTANCE 10-30 YARDS. CLEAR DAY. VIEWING WAS MOSTLY TOWARD SOUTH AND WESTPrevious experience with species and similar ones: NONEReferences and persons consulted before writing description: PETERSON + GEOGRAPHIC ^{GUIDES-}How long before field notes made? 1 HOUR this form completed? 10 HOURS

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