

Species: Northern Parula, Parula americana(potential county nesting record)

Date: 30 May 1992, 07:30 and 09:30

Location: Lake MacBride St. Pk., Johnson Co., Iowa

Other Obs: Bill Pinkston, Tom Kent

Description: Two birds singing, the first from sycamores around parking lot for at least two hours. Characteristic ascending buzzy trill ending in sudden 'zip'. Small warbler. Blue-gray above, continuous with blue-gray band across yellow breast. Reddish-brown patch below blue-gray breast band. White belly. Broken white eye-ring, two white wing-bars. Second bird singing same song from treetop in deciduous woods, not seen.

Conditions: Clear, cool, calm. Observed for five minutes from 20-30 meters with Zeiss 10x40 binoculars.

Similar Species: Song is diagnostic. Only similar species is Tropical Parula (Parula pitiaiyumi) which has black mask, lacks eye-ring and blue-gray breast band.

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