

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? PRARIE WARBLER How many? 1 ♂Location? CROTON UNIT-SHAMEK STATE FOREST-LEE COUNTYType of habitat? EDGE TREES NEXT TO A LARGE (SEVERAL ACRE) OPEN AREAWhen? date(s): 9 JUNE time: 7:50 AM to 8:00 AMWho? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW, R246, IOWA CITY

others with you: _____

others before or after you: BOB CECIL

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 WARBLER SIZE AND SHAPE, AND HOPPED OR FLEW A SHORT DISTANCE IN LOW BRANCHES. IT CONTINUED TO SING REGULARLY EVERY 15-30 SECONDS. THE SONG WAS A HIGH BUZZY TRILL - ALWAYS RISING ON THE LATTER PART. THE HEAD HAD A RICH YELLOW THROAT AND ALMOST SEMICIRCULAR YELLOW SIDE OF THE FACE. IN THIS LATTER AREA THERE WAS A BLACK EYE LINE AND A BLACK CURVED AREA UNDER THE EYE. THE TOP OF THE HEAD WAS A BROWNISH GREEN AS WAS THE NECK. UNDER THE WINGS ALONG THE YELLOW BREAST WERE SEVERAL DARK BLACK BROKEN LINES. THE WINGS + TAIL WERE A GRAY (OR BROWN-BLACK) AND THERE WERE 2 FAINT YELLOW WING BARS. THE YELLOW BECAME FAINTER UNDER THE TAIL AND WAS WHITISH-YELLOW THERE. NO RED MARKINGS WERE SEEN ON BACK. THE BIRD DID TWITCH ITS TAIL SEVERAL TIMES, BUT IT WAS NOT A REGULAR OCCURRENCE.

Similar species and how eliminated:

BLACK THROATED GREEN WARBLER - SONG, EYESTRIPE BLACK + THROAT + BREAST COLOR

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

OVERCAST - HAD BEEN RAINING. 9X36 BINOCULARS AT 30-50 FEET

Previous experience with species and similar ones: 1985 - SAME LOCATION

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATELY this form completed? 12 HOURS

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