

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Chestnut-sided Warbler ^(Dendroica pensylvanica) How many? 1 male singing

Location? Stop # 20, Route # 021, state 36 3 1/2 mi N. of Hwy 175 Black Hawk & Grundy Co. border

Type of habitat? Brushy second growth next to creek

When? date(s): June 16, 1984 time: 6:40 am. ~~to~~

Who? your name and address: Francis L. Moore, 336 Fairfield St., Waterloo, IA 50703

others with you: None

others before or after you: None

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.

Though this bird was heard and not seen I am very familiar with the song of the Chestnut-sided Warbler. It gave its "pleased, pleased, pleased to meet ya" call many times over. At no time did it give another call other than this one. It did not sound like any of the other new-world wood-warblers found in or migrating through the state of Iowa, the closest warbler ~~to~~ to this song might be the Yellow Warbler, but I am very familiar with that warblers song also and have never heard one sound like this bird. This bird was out of its habitat type also, being alongside a creek and not up higher on a hillside in a dry ~~er~~ type of habitat. This bird most certainly was a vagrant which just happened to be singing while I was there. It was not there the next day when I stopped to check it out further.

Similar species and how eliminated: See above

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

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

Wind speed was about ~~5~~ Beaufort 1 at time I heard bird, It was about 50 feet from my location but never came out of cover so I could see it.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Lots of experience with song of Chestnut-sided warbler, Yellow Warbler,

References and persons consulted before writing description: None

How long before field notes made? None this form completed? 2 days

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