

Middlewestern Prairie Region
(Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio)

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species Pine Warbler 2. Number: one
 3. Location Brookside Park, Ames, Story County, Iowa
 4. Date: 24 May 1984 5. Time Bird seen: abt 8:30 AM CDST to _____
 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):
did not see back; only got extremely brief glimpses of head among leaves of small tree. Wings darkish with two prominent white wing bars; tail darkish with white spots beneath; belly white; breast yellow with streaks of darker yellow on sides.
 7. Description of voice, if heard: loud series of chips on one level slower than Chipping Sparrow - something like Swamp Sparrow but not as flat.
 8. Description of behavior:
foraging
 9. Habitat - general: bottom land forest
specific: in small (around 15 ft) tree
 10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:
Yellow-throated Vireo doesn't have streaks on sides of breast and doesn't sound like this bird; doesn't have white tail spots.
Solitary Vireo's breast isn't yellow with streaks & also doesn't sound like this bird.
 11. Distance (how measured)? 50 ft; guess 12. Optical equipment:
7 x 35 binoculars
 13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
bird to east of me, sun somewhat to north of bird.
 14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
seen last year at Brookside Park
 15. Other observers:
 16. Did the others agree with your identification?
 17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
 18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
Field Guide to the Birds RT Peterson
Birds of North America Golden Press
 19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 1 hour
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Signature
- Date: 27 May 1984 City, State: Ames, Iowa