

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Prairie Warbler How many? 1

Location? Croton Unit Shimek State Forest

Type of Habitat? Scattered pines, various scrub trees, bushes in forest-opening on top of a hill (midforest area)

When? date(s): 5-7-92 time: 7:30 AM to 8:00 AM prox

Who? your name and address: Maridel Jackson 410 SW Westview Dr.

Others with you: Bob Myers Ankeny IA 50021

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.
We first heard the bird sing. Bob first spotted him in the top of a nearby tree. He flew but eventually he climbed out in full view and sang again. Song ascending with some rise in acceleration toward end. Warbler had a yellow breast and throat. This yellow extended to his underside as far as I could see (bird was facing me). He had dark streaking on sides of breast area. He had a blackish teardrop from bill toward cheek area below each eye. It also appeared to have a black streak thru each eye area separate from teardrop. Top of head and back appeared a drab yellow-green. I did not notice any wing bars as outstanding feature when he turned side view.

Similar species; how eliminated: Palm has distinct rusty cap. This bird did not. This bird had yellower breast and clearer yellow in mid chest area - no yellow eye stripe like palm even though prairie is yellow above eye. Palm has no black mark (teardrop) below eye. Yellow is ^{more} yellow all over - no dark streaking on breast no dark face marks. Pine has much less defined streaking

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? NO
If yes, explain: _____

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.
bright clear sunny day, no wind
prox. 150 feet from tree, prox. 60 feet up

Previous experience with species and similar ones:
First prairie have seen palm, yellow + pine

References and persons consulted before writing description:
How long before field notes made? same day this form completed? same day

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).