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DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Magnolia Warbler How many? One
Location? 4713 Tyler St Sioux City Ia 51108
Type of Habitat? Urban back yard
When? date(s): July 4th 1995 time: 2:30 PM to 2:40 PM
Who? your name and address: Wayne Linermore 4713 Tyler St Sioux City Ia 51108
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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

While in my back yard I heard an unfamiliar bird song. I located the bird in a ash tree moving from spot to spot in rapid warbler fashion. The foliage was very dense but I was able to pick the bird into the open. I had a good frontal view. It was warbler in size, yellow underparts which were heavily streaked in black. The bird came into the open about 4 more times and I observed that the back, head and wings were black. The white eyebrow was prominent with some white on the wings. The bird called app. once every minute. The bird flew from the back of the tree about ten min. later. I returned to the house to listen to the Magnolia warbler song tape to further confirm that I had seen a Male adult Magnolia.

Similar species; how eliminated:

Eliminated yellow-rumped because of white breast.
Wrong facial coloring for Cape May.

all similar species have very dissimilar song.

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

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

Bright sunshine, at a distance of about 15 ft.
Observed partly by naked eye + some with 10X40 binoculars.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Observed this species many times on
spring migration.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? 30 min. this form completed? 3 days

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