

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Black throated blue warbler How many? ONE
Location? Cerro Gordo County, Portland township Sec 31 (13675 Spruce Ave Mason City IA 50401)
Type of Habitat? deciduous wood edge
When? date(s): Nov, 11, 1998 time: 7:45 AM to 7:50 AM
Who? your name and address: ELLEN S. MONTGOMERY 13675 SPRUCE AVE MASON CITY IA
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.

Small, slender bird - same size as chickadees that were on feeder with it. Sharply pointed small black bill. Deep blue on top of head, back, wings and tail. Black face, throat and flanks. White belly and undertail coverts. No wing bars, white patch at base of primaries white corners on tail. Did not hear voice. Observed it sitting in trays of 2 different tube feeders eating sunflower hearts. It also flew around inside the roof of a fly-thru feeder in a gleaning type behavior.

Similar species; how eliminated:

No other species considered, unmistakable

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

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

Clear, morning light - deck rail where seen is 8 feet from windows 8x42 binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

This was a life bird for me

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Peterson Field Guide to Warblers

How long before field notes made? immediate this form completed? 3 weeks

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