

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Connecticut Warbler How many? 1
Location? 810 North D St. Indianola, IA
Type of Habitat? dense weedy brush with canopy
When? date(s): 9/5/99 time: 2 P.M. to _____
Who? your name and address: Jim Sinclair
Others with you: _____
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.
Large flat-headed warbler. Prominent bill with light lower mandible. Prominent light eye ring surrounding a large eye. Gray hood extending down nape and to top of breast. Hood was faded in the throat area. Breast and belly a light creamy yellow. The mantle was a uniform dark grayish green. The bird was foraging low in the raspberry-ragweed brush affording me one brief but very close (15 ft.) look. The bird then flew to a low bare branch where it took one skip hop and then ran the 3 ft. down the branch into the ground cover.

Similar species: how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? _____
If yes, explain:

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

First view 15 ft - 10x42 field glasses
Second view 30 ft - in good light

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have seen several Conn. Warblers and numerous Mourning W, Nashville W and C. Yellowthroats

References and persons consulted before writing description:

NGS Field Guide

How long before field notes made? _____ this form completed? 3 hrs

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