

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: 6 Sept 1983 5. Time Bird seen: about noon to abt 3 minutes
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):  
warbler; darkish wings & tail - two white wing bars; back olivish with no stripes or marks; head olivish yellow; breast yellow with faint streaks; belly white;
7. Description of voice, if heard:  
not heard
8. Description of behavior:  
foraging 5 to 10 feet up
9. Habitat - general: forest  
specific: shrubby area
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:  
~~Yellow Throated Vireo~~ Yellow Throated Vireo - did not have yellow specticals; had faint streaks on breast.  
fall Blackpoll or Bay Breasted Warbler - had no stripes or marks on back; was yellowish on head and had yellow breast
11. Distance (how measured)? 30-40 ft 12. Optical equipment:  
7 X 35 binoculars
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):  
sunny; sun behind me (bird to north); sun on bird.
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:  
saw two at Brookside this spring
15. Other observers:  
none
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:  
Birds of North America - Golden Press  
A Field Guide To The Birds - Peterson
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? one hour
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