

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Pine Warbler How many? 1-2Location? Stone State Park, Plymouth CountyType of habitat? deciduous woodland trees - burr oak & ashWhen? date(s): 8-18-86 time: 1900 to 1915Who? your name and address: Bill Huser 319 W. 19th St. S. Sioux City NE
68776others with you: Noneothers 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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

2 birds slightly larger than accompanying Wilson's warblers. Olive-green upper, yellow below, warbler-type bill. yellow eyebrow, dark eye stripe, face olive green (similar to back)

On two birds seen, amount of ventral side yellow varied

- 1) yellow chin, throat, breast; white lower belly & u.t. coverts
- 2) yellow chin, throat; white breast, belly, u.t. coverts

Obvious white wingbars.

Bird #1 when at 7-8' showed subtle olive or gray streaking on yellow breast.

Did not see back well enough to look for streaking.

These past few days have made several attempts to see again.

I still have not seen a suspect pine warbler's (one with much yellow on breast) back well enough to look for streaking.

On those similar looking birds that I have seen streaking on back (hence juv blackpoll or bay breasted) all (4 or 5) have had much less yellow on breast than bird #1.

Similar species and how eliminated: black-throated green juv. ♀ - has more yellow (triangle) on face. Blackpoll & bay breasted juveniles - streaking on back and less yellow on throat, breast & belly.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? _____

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
excellent lighting, good background, sun at observer's back
indirect as close as 7-8' (est.) no optics.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: seen in previous falls;
compared with several juv. blackpolls seen this same week.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? 3 hrs. this form completed? 5 days

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