

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF  
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Pine Warbler 2. Number 1
3. Location Hickory Hill Park - Iowa City
4. Date: 9-9-79 5. Time Bird Seen: 8<sup>00</sup> to 8<sup>03</sup>
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):
- A: large warbler with very prominent white wing bars, otherwise very plain colored without strips on side, back or head. Small indistinct eye ring. Overall pale bird with slight yellow at cheek-shoulder region. Bill long and thin. Bird sat on open limb and did not move fast - more like a vireo than a warbler. I did not see any white on tail. I did not note bill or leg color - but they did not draw my attention.
7. Description of voice, if heard: not heard
8. Description of behavior: slow moving - vireo like
9. Habitat - general: Open hillside with small saplings and bushes  
specific: Hickory Hill City Park - Iowa City
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:  
Bay-breasted and Blackburnian warblers smaller and have streaks on back  
yellow-throated vireo chunkier, thicker bill and eye ring
11. Distance (how measured)? 12 ft (est)
12. Optical equipment: 8x40 Leitz Thoroid
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):  
clear, sun to my left
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:  
I have seen only about 5 pine warblers  
Similar species are common
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:  
Robbins was consulted, but I described what I saw.  
This bird was a good match for the fall ♀ in Robbins.
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 4 hrs
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