

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What Species? Black-throated Blue Warbler How many? 1 adult male

Location? Lacey Keosauqua S.P. Nr. Keosauqua, Iowa Near Ely Ford

Type of Habitat? along trail in woods.

When? date(s)? Sept. 27, 1986 time: about 8:00AM to

Who? your name and address: John Cecil 327 S. 6th, Keokuk, Iowa 52632

others with you: Bob Cecil (My father), Jim Sandrock

others before or after you: No

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.

Black throat with blue back. White patch on wing. Blue on back dark blue. White underneath.
Warbler sized. Not real active and stayed low. Bird did not sing or make chip notes.

Similar species and how eliminated: Cerulean warbler has white throat and streaks on sides.

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about the identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: partly cloudy but viewing conditions good. Optics: 8x20 Zeiss.
Bird seen at distance of about 20 ft.

Previous experience with this and similar species:
Life bird. Have seen Cerulean.

References and persons consulted before writing description:
Bob Cecil and Jim Sandrock. (Documentation typed by father)

How long before field notes made? An hour

How long before this form completed? One day.