

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species CERULEAN WARBLER 2. Number 1  
 3. Location one mile north of Homestead, IA. Iowa County "Amana Woods"  
 4. Date April 30, 1981 5. Time bird seen: 7:50 AM to 7:55AM

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 was actually seen in the field). Warbler size and shape. Bill dark, top of head and back dark. Throat clear white, narrow band of dark across upper breast and then rest of breast and underside white.

7. Description of voice, if heard: series of 7-8 buzzy notes ascending in pitch and increasing in tempo (see back side of page)  
 8. Description of behavior: perched in small tree next to road briefly, this is when I had best view. Also moving about in warbler fashion in tops of larger trees.  
 9. Habitat--general: Edge of extensive deciduous woods, moving about in upper story  
 specific: of large trees along dirt road.

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6,7,&8. Explain. This is only bird I know of with the narrow dark band across otherwise clear throat and underside. This band was seen very clearly.

11. Distance (how measured). Best view was about ten yards directly overhead.'

12. Light conditions (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): Morning sun at my back to bird.

13. Optical equipment: 7X Binos

14. Previous experience with this and similar species: This is third year in a row that I have seen Cerulean at this exact spot. I feel very familiar with

15. Other observers: this bird and its song.

16. Did other agree with your identification? No other observers

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

18. Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: Did not consult any other source

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

four days at the request of Tom Kent

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