

Documentation Form  
Unusual Bird Sightings in Iowa

Species: Yellow-throated Warbler

Date: May 7, 8, 1999 Time: 8:15-9:00 AM 5-7  
6:45-7:00 AM 5-8 Length of observation: 45 min Fri. May 7  
15 min Sat. May 8

Location: Mt. Hosmer, Lansing IA

Habitat: White Pine plantation west of picnic shelter

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Other Observers: Ric Zarwell

Description of bird: Yellow-throat bordered by bold black, wide streak. Bold streaks extended down sides + flanks. Bold white eye stripe and ear patch. I located the singing male by its unfamiliar song, a series of descending slurred notes with a rise at the end.

Similar species and how eliminated: ~~Yellow throat bordered by bold black, wide streaks~~

The song alone is distinctive of broadly "similar" Prairie Warbler + Blackburnian Warblers. Magnolia also different song plus white tail patch.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? No  
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions (light, distance, optics): Overcast both days; 8x42 Leitz Trinori  
30-90 feet

Previous experience with this species and similar ones: Seen several times in Wis.

References and persons consulted before writing description: NGS Guide

How long before field notes made? None  
necessary

This form completed? 5-15-99