

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Pine Warbler How many? 1Location? George Wyth State Park - Black Hawk Co.Type of habitat? Riverbottom Timber - no pinesWhen? date(s): May 18, 1983 time: 7:40^{AM.} to 7:45^{AM.}Who? your name and address: Robert K. Myers 1236 Sylvia Ave. Waterloo Iowaothers with you: —others before or after you: —

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.

May 18 was cloudy, very windy and with occasional mist. There was a good movement of migrants and they were all very low. This bird was in a "packet" of warblers and I at first thought it was a yellow-throated vireo. I then noticed the bird did not have yellow spectacles and began to take mental notes.

1. Size + shape = warbler like
2. Basically olive-green above and yellow on throat and breast. Belly and under-tail coverts were white.
3. Back was unstreaked - as near as I could tell
4. Two white wingbars on each wing
5. No yellow spectacles
6. White spots were noticed in terminal edges of tail.

7. Rump was olive-green

The tail spots actually convinced me that this was a pine plus fact that yellow-throated vireo's lower back and rump are more gray-not olive green as this bird was.

I noticed ~~no~~ ^{streak} streaks on ~~breast~~ breast as the guides say there should be. I have noticed the dim streaks on other pines. This bothered me at first, but some guides indicate the streaks are not always present.

Similar species and how eliminated: Yellow-throated vireo should show yellow spectacles, a gray^{lower} back and rump and no tail spots.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

Day was overcast and drizzle was falling but bird was only about 20' away.

I used B+L 7X35 binocs.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I have seen pines on a very few occasions and have seen many yellow-throated vireos

References and persons consulted before writing description: Robbins + Peterson

How long before field notes made? 2 hrs. this form completed? one day

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