

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Orange Crowned Warbler How many? 1Location? Ledges S.P. IAType of habitat? wooded valleyWhen? date(s): 22 Aug 86 time: 9:29 A.M. to 9:30Who? your name and address: Erik Munson 3223 West St. Ames IA 50010others with you: Steve Dinsmore

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.

Obviously a warbler by shape, the bird foraged from 3-10 feet up in a mixed-species warbler flock. It was a uniform green-olive all over. The legs were dark and a dark line ran through the eye. The entire breast showed streaking in shades of faint green wash to olive. It showed very little true yellow. The bill was short, dark, thin. No tail spots. Faintest trace of wing bars. Undertail with a buffy olive.

Similar species and how eliminated:

tennessee by ventral streaking, short bill, undertail.
 bell's vireo by bill, eye area.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
good 20 ft. est. 8x32 binocs

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? none this form completed? 2 days
 R.T. Peterson Guide, Dinsmore, Paul Muntzschang.

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