

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Pine Warbler How many? 1Location? McFarland Park, Story Co.Type of habitat? along trail in deciduous woods near McFarland lakeWhen? date(s): Sept. 15, 1984 time: approx. 9:15 AM to 9:20 AMWho? your name and address: Steve Dinsmore, 4024 Arkansas Dr. Ames, IA 50010others with you: Hank Zafetal, Colo Eric Munsen, Amesothers 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.

Large warbler, the size of a Solitary Vireo.

The head was olive green in color, as well as the back. The back was uniform and unstreaked. There were two large white wing bars on each wing. The throat and breast were buffy yellow in color. The undertail was white.

The beak and legs were dark in color. The sides of the breast were faintly streaked. The wings, other than the wing bars, were gray in color.

Similar species and how eliminated: The white wing bars and ~~the~~ olive green unstreaked back, lack of white tail spots, lack of yellow rump, lack of strong yellow color on head and lack of strong streaking on breast and belly eliminate other warblers. The thin bill and lack of eye ring or spectacles eliminate vireos.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NoIf yes, explain: —Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: lighting was excellent - sun at our backs. Estimated viewing distance 10'-15'. Used B+L 7x35 Binoculars.Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen 1 Pine Warbler previously.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

National Geographic Society Field Guide to Birds of N. AmericaHow long before field notes made? immediately this form completed? 7 hours

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