

1984

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What Species? Prairie Warbler (*Dendroica discolor*) How many? 1 male

Location? Croton Unit, Shimek State Forest, 3 miles West of Argyle, Lee Co., Iowa

Type of Habitat? Brushy upland with saplings, small conifers planted by Cons. Comm. (same place as last year)

When? date(s)? June 7, 9, 10, 12. time: various to

Who? your name and address: Robert Cecil
327 S. 6th, Keokuk, Iowa 52632

others with you:

Entire I.O.U. Field Trip, + M. and B. Proescholdt, others??

others before or after you:

Jim Fuller

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

We first heard the thin rising Z notes, about 8 in number. Very quickly we found bird in top of small bush, singing. Noted small, warbler-sized bird with bright yellow breast with black streaking along sides only. On head I observed the black eye and malar streaks against the yellow cheek.

Similar species and how eliminated: I don't think this bird could be reasonably confused with any other Iowa birds, especially since it was singing.

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about the identification? No.

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: Viewing conditions--good to excellent. Binocs: 10x40 Zeiss
Distance: as close as 20-25 feet.

Previous experience with this and similar species:

Substantial experience with summering birds here in 1984, 1985.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Last year's documentation.

How long before field notes made? Not made

How long before this form completed? 1 week.