

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species?Yellow-rumped Warbler

How Many?1 juv. bird

Location?State Forest Nursery, Ames

Habitat?area with many pine plantings

Date?23 Aug 1987

Time?approx. 12:30-12:40 p.m.

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Others who saw bird:Paul Martsching

Description of bird:We first noticed the bird by the loud, distinctive chip note the bird was giving. We managed to track the bird down and noted the following marks. The bird was obviously a warbler and was a bit larger than the Cape May Warblers we were seeing. The upperparts and wings were mostly dull brown except for a faint, white wing bar. The rump was yellow. The underparts were a dirty brown color except for a pale yellow patch under each wing. The undertail coverts were white. The legs and bill were dark.

Similar species and how eliminated:The yellow rump, yellow patch under each wing, brownish color, large size, and distinctive chip note eliminates all other warblers.

Viewing conditions and equipment:Viewing conditions were excellent with good light. Estimated viewing distance was as close as 15 feet. I used Nikon 8x23 binoculars.

Previous experience with species:I have seen numerous Yellow-rumped Warblers in Iowa, including many birds in first fall plumage.

References consulted:NGS Field Guide to the Birds of North America

How long before field notes were made?none made

How long before this form was completed?3 days