

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Pine Warbler How many? 1Location? Saybrville Res.Type of habitat? edge of lake - giant ragweed + other weeds at edge of timberWhen? date(s): Aug. 6, 1989 time: 9:05 am to 9:15 amWho? your name and address: Bob Myers RR2, Box 153 Perry Iowa 50220others 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.

I first noted the small warbler-like bird as it flitted about in some tall (6 to 7 feet) giant ragweeds. The bird was yellowish (fairly bright) on the throat and breast. The head and back were olive-green and wings somewhat darker. Each wing had two white wing bars. The bird then flew off to a tree at the edge of the timber about 100' away. If the date had been around a month later I would have been convinced I had seen a pine warbler, but I still had doubts for early Aug. As I approached the tree, the bird flew back to the ragweeds. As I observed the same marks again, I also saw that the bird did have a warbler-like bill and it had an unstreaked back. Now, in spite of the date, I was convinced this was a pine warbler. The warbler flew back + forth from weeds to the trees several times and I then lost it in the tall ragweeds.

Similar species and how eliminated: Bay-breasted warblers + blackpolls have streaked backs.Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? _____

If yes, explain:

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

Closest distance was about 50 feet. Day at that time was bright overcast. Used 10x40 Lietz binocs.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I have seen pine warblers in and out of Iowa, but never in Iowa at this time of the year.References and persons consulted before writing description: NoneHow long before field notes made? none made this form completed? Aug. 12