

DOCUMENTATION FORM  
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Pine Warbler How many? 1  
Location? yard, Mason City, Cerro Gordo Co.  
Type of Habitat? Trees, open area along creek -  
When? date(s): 4/26/97 time: 9:30<sup>AM</sup> to 10:20  
Who? your name and address: Carolyn Fischer, 48 Lakewood CT  
Mason City,  
Others with you: no  
Others before or after you: no

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.

Saw a bird fly into a tree that I had Suet on - It was warbler size, dark bill appeared a little longer, throat & breast were yellow, it had some dull dark streaks on the side of breast. Two white wing bars, back & nape without any streaking. Olive-green color - Undertail coverts were very white - The tail very dark - Could see a faint dark line through eye - legs & feet were black.

Similar species; how eliminated:

Thought possible a yellow-throated vireo, but didn't have a hooked bill - had a line through eye - Didn't have a gray rump -

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? yes

If yes, explain:

I had a hard time believing that was what I was seeing - as we very rarely see them during migration.

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

25 feet - 8X30 Binoculars, had good light.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

no 5 years ago -

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? at the time, I watched the bird this form completed? 6/2/97

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