

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species?Pine Warbler

How Many?1

Location?Ledges State Park, Boone Co.

Habitat?feeding in trees along a creek

Date?28 Sep 1986

Time?7:50-8:05 A.M.

Observers Name and address:Steve Dinsmore, Ames

Others who saw bird:none

Description of bird:The bird was a fairly large warbler with a greenish, unstreaked back and yellowish underparts. The wings were dark and had two white wing bars. The bill and legs were dark. The face and head were also yellowish. The tail seemed fairly long and the tail spots were very large and white. The yellow underparts showed some streaking on the sides. I think that the bird was an adult female.

Similar species and how eliminated:Fall Bay-breasted Warbler eliminated by the unstreaked back, yellowish underparts with streaking on the sides, and by the larger white tail spots.

Viewing conditions and equipment:Viewing conditions were good with the sun behind me and the sky mostly clear. Estimated viewing distance was 30-40 feet. I used Nikon 8 x 23 binoculars.

Previous experience with species:I have seen four other fall Pine Warblers in Iowa.

References consulted:Whitney, B. Bay-breasted, Blackpoll, and Pine Warblers in Fall Plumage. Birding 15:219-222

How long before field notes were made?none made

How long before this form was completed?6 hours