

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Prairie Warbler How many? 1Location? Croton Unit, Shumaker State Forest, Lee County, IAType of habitat? a scrubby clearing in woodsWhen? date(s): 6 July, 1985 time: approx 10:00 AM to 10:45 AMWho? your name and address: Steve Dinsmore, Amesothers with you: Bob Cecil, Trachuk and Tim Sandrock, Iowa City

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.

The bird was first heard singing a series of high, rapid buzzy notes, repeated about every half minute.

Size - small, about 5-6" long

Back was dark, olive-green color with several distinct maroon streaks on upper back.

~~Underparts~~ Underparts a uniform bright ~~yellow~~ yellow, except for some black streaking on sides.

Head - olive-green on top, yellow throat black face with a yellow cheek patch and a distinct yellow streak over eye.

The bird flicked its tail continuously during the viewing period.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Other warblers by combination of call, black streaking on sides, distinctive facial pattern, and maroon streaking on back.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain: _____

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

Clear sky, sun almost directly overhead. Estimated viewing distance of 8-15 feet. I used Nikon 8x23 Binoculars.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Seen several in FloridaReferences and persons consulted before writing description: NGS Field Guide to Birds of North AmericaHow long before field notes made? 2 hours this form completed? 6 hours

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