

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Pine Warbler How many? 1-3Location? Pine Lake S.P. - (Hardin County)Type of habitat? Wooded area with some big white pines around and other pines, tooWhen? date(s): May 11, 1996 time: 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.Who? your name and address: Mark Proescholdt, Box 65, Liscomb, Iowa 50148others with you: Beth Proescholdt and Russ Widnerothers before or after you: None

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.

We had good looks at this warbler as we watched it and followed it around several deciduous trees and one pine tree. It was a big warbler with white tail spots, had yellow on its breast, white undertail coverts, and dark green on the back of its head and on its back. It had a greenish-yellow rump and bright white wing bars. It had black streaking on the sides of its yellow breast like a faded necklace of a Canada Warbler. We heard it sing and saw it sing its musical song somewhat like a chipping sparrow song. We had excellent looks.

We also saw a warbler in the big white pine that looked like it could have been an immature Pine Warbler, but we didn't have enough looks at that one. About 2 hours later we saw an adult Pine Warbler a little ways away from first sighting spot. It may have been same bird

Similar species and how eliminated: or a different one.

Yellow-throated Vireo has yellow spectacles, a gray rump, and an entirely different song.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain: :

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:  
Mostly cloudy when viewing, good looks, 15-20 yards away, 8x30 Binocs  
estimated

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have seen a number of Pine Warblers through the years.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

National Geographic guide.How long before field notes made? 6:45 p.m. this form completed? May 22, 1996  
on May 11