

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species Pine Warbler 2. Number: one
 3. Location Brookside Park, Ames, Story County, Iowa
 4. Date: 24 August 1985 5. Time Bird seen: 2 min's ~~to~~ abt 9^{AM}
 6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):
Warbler - head, back, wings & tail olivish; head slight yellowish cast with yellow eye brow line; 2 broad white wing bars; upper breast ~~pale~~ pale yellow with fine streaks; belly and undertail coverts white. two very large ~~two~~ triangular white "spots" on under side of tail; no streaks on back; bird appeared "bulkier" or chunkier than other warblers.
 7. Description of voice, if heard: not heard
 8. Description of behavior: foraging
 9. Habitat - general: lowland forest
specific:
 10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:
Bay-breast & Blackpoll have streaks on back & don't have yellow eyebrow. neither is inclined to be yellow on breast, tho Blackpoll may be dingy yellowish-green. Bay-breast usually with no streaks below. Bay-breast usually with buff or pink wash on sides. Cape May & Yellow - R have Yellow rumps
 11. Distance (how measured)? 20 ft. walkt it.
 12. Optical equipment:
7 x 35 binoculars
 13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
sun to SE off me; bird to SW. *the bird gave me an excellent all around view*
 14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
Have seen several times. *top-bottom-side etc.*
 15. Other observers: none
 16. Did the others agree with your identification?
 17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
 18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
none
 19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?
notes immediately
- Carl M. [Signature]* Address: 1120 Marston
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- Date: 3 November 1985 City, State: Ames, Iowa 50010