

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species?Orange-crowned Warbler

How Many?1

Location?Ledges S.P.

Habitat?deciduous woods

Date?22 Aug 1986

Time?9:30-9:32 A.M.

Observers Name and address:Steve Dinsmore, Ames

Others who saw bird:Erik Munson, Ames

Description of bird:A small, yellowish warbler in with a mixed group of about 75 other warblers. Bird was the same size as a nearby Chestnut-sided Warbler. Bill was dark, short, and thin (reminiscent of a kinglet). Crown and cheek were greenish except for a dark eyeline. The back was greenish. The throat, breast, belly, sides, and undertail coverts were yellow except for some greenish streaks on the sides. The wings were the same color as the back and unmarked. The legs were dark.

Similar species and how eliminated:The smaller bill, yellow undertail coverts, and streaking on the sides eliminate the very similar Tennessee Warbler.

Viewing conditions and equipment:Light was good-cloudy sky and sunlight coming from overhead. Estimated viewing distance was 25-30 ft. I used Nikon 8 x 23 binoculars and a Bausch and Lomb 20x spotting scope.

Previous experience with species:I see several each spring and fall.

References consulted:NGS Field Guide to the Birds of North America

How long before field notes were made?none made

How long before this form was completed?2 hours