

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF  
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Yellow-throated Warbler 2. Number 1  
3. Location Wildcat Den State Park, Muscatine County, Iowa  
4. Date: 5-12-79 5. Time Bird Seen: 10<sup>10</sup> to 10<sup>20</sup>

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):

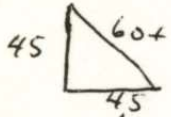
Warbler with yellow throat, white belly, black and white face pattern with white over eye, partial white eye-ring and white behind ear, gray-blue back, white wing bars. Bird was 45' up in tall sapling with leaves just budding, moving about and singing. Song 5-7 notes decreasing in intensity and pitch except for last 2 notes which rose in pitch.

7. Description of voice, if heard: see above

8. Description of behavior: singing and eating in tree top

9. Habitat - general: edge of forest along stream  
specific: along stream at Wildcat Den State Park

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:  
other warblers



11. Distance (how measured)? 60 feet (paced and calculated on basis of triangle) 12. Optical equipment: Leitz Thronix PR40

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):  
Sunny, no wind, sun behind us

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:  
Studied at close range (60 feet) in Brownsville TX in January 1979

15. Other observers:  
Thomas K. Shires

16. Did the others agree with your identification? yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none  
Seen later by Pete Peterson, Mike + Carol Naylor + others

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:  
none until after description made  
Robbins later

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 1 1/2 hrs - first  
12 hrs - copied from notes

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