

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? female Yellow-rumped Warbler in fall plumage How many? 1

Location? LAKE Macbride State Park Johnson Co

Type of Habitat? cedar trees bordered by mature hardwood forest

When? date(s): 14 JAN 1996 time: 10:05 AM to 10:06 AM

Who? your name and address: DAVID L DANKERT 806 15th Ave SW Apt. 5 Cedar Rapids, IA

Others with you: none

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

While "spishing" in a small stand of Cedar trees, three Black-capped Chickadees and a brownish bird flew in and landed approx. ten yards in front of me on a cedar limb that was about twelve feet above the ground. This bird was the same size and shape as the chickadees.

This bird was facing me and I quickly noted a dark streaked breast and white throat. The bill was black and thin. The sides of the breast were a muted yellow wash. The legs were black. The bird turned, giving me a side view. The tail was dark. The rump was yellow. The mantle was brown with dark streaks. The crown was brown. The eye was black. I also noted a white eyebrow and there was a semblance of an eyering especially directly below the eye. Faint wing bars were present on the wings.

Nine or ten seconds went by and then the bird flew to my right and away from me. I tried to "spish" this bird back in but was unsuccessful.

Similar species; how eliminated: immature female Cape May Warbler

The breast of the bird that I observed was white streaked with black, with a yellowish hue on the sides of the breast near where the wing joins to the body. The breast of the immature Cape May has a yellowish breast with black streaks.

The rump of the bird that I observed was brighter and the streaking on the back or mantle was more pronounced.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.
Clear 10 to 12 yards (estimated) Leica 8x42 binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Observed many throughout the years but never in the winter

References and persons consulted before writing description:

National Geographic: Birds of North America

How long before field notes made? — this form completed? 2.5 hrs.

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).