

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Pine Warbler How many? 1Location? Grammer Grove Park - (Marshall County)Type of habitat? Wooded floodplain along the Iowa RiverWhen? date(s): May 16, 1990 time: 10:40 a.m. to 10:41 a.m.Who? your name and address: Mark Proescholdt, Box 65, Liscomb, Iowa 50148others with you: Beth Proescholdtothers 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 been watching some warblers and vireos flitting over our heads when I saw what I thought was the Yellow-throated Vireo we had just seen. But this bird which had a bright yellow throat and upper breast, white underbelly, dark green back, and bright white wing bars had no yellow spectacle around its eye like the Yellow-throated Vireo. This bird had yellow around the eye with a dark line through the eye. As I watched it, it gave its "trill song" of a Pine Warbler!

Similar species and how eliminated: Yellow-throated Vireo has spectacles around its eyes and sings a burry two-noted song.Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

Cloudy, 15' to 20' over our heads and later 30' away (estimated)
8X30 Binoculars.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have seen a few Pine Warblers in Iowa and several in Florida and lots of Y-thr. Vireos.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

R.T. Peterson's field guide, Robbins' Birds of N. America, Nat'l. Geog. Birds of N. America.

How long before field notes made? Right after this form completed? May 30, 1990
viewing bird.

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