

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Prairie Warbler (Dendroica discolor) How many? 1 femaleLocation? East side of Sweet Marsh, Bremer Co.Type of habitat? Boggy Yellow Birch area turning into Oak and Hickory mixWhen? date(s): May 13, 1983 time: 10:05 am to 10:10 amWho? your name and address: Francis L. Moore, 336 Fairfield St., Waterloo, IA 50703others with you: Bob Myersothers 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.

I took Bob to the place where I had seen and heard the male Prairie warbler the day before but could not hear or see the bird we were looking for. Bob started moving off through the trees watching all the other warblers that were there when I found one that was a lot like the male Prairie I had seen the day before only on a more subdued level. The general coloration was the same as the other Prairie but the yellow "cheek" patch was more like ~~a large~~ eye-ring. There was a definite dark stripe through the eye and a dark line following below the "cheek" patch; not black like the male had but a definite dark stripe. The bill was dark above and lower mandible appeared lighter. There were two definite whitish wing-bars on the wing. The throat, belly and breast was yellow and there were dark stripes along the birds side, not as many as the male had but there were definite black streaks on its side only. The tail and wings were a brownish-green color and the back and head had a greenish color to them. The legs were dark. No voice was heard. It was found under the same tree where the male had been the day before.

Similar species and how eliminated: No other warbler has white wing bars large bold black splotchy stripes down the side with a yellow breast, belly and throat and an olive green back and also wags its tail.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: Bright overcast from approx. 20 to 25 feet at closest; viewed with 7X35 mm Bausch + Lomb Roof prism binoculars.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen this species on East coast in Virginia in 1976 through 1978 and two males in Iowa one 5/30/82 and one 5/12/83.

References and persons consulted before writing description: NoneHow long before field notes made? 2 Hrs. this form completed? 9 Hrs.

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