

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Nashville Warbler How Many? one

Location: W. side of Hancher lot, Iowa City

Type of habitat?: Evergreens, Pines bordering lot

When? Date(s): Sun, Dec. 19, 1993 (Xmas count) time: 9:20 pm to 9:37 pm

Who? your name and address:

James Scheib, 10 Longview Knoll NE, Iowa City, IA 52240-9148

Others with you: Jim Fuller and John McClure

Others before or after you: none before; maybe some Xmas counters after.

*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 were looking for Golden-crowned Kinglet when Jim Fuller spotted a bird he thought could be a kinglet in a pine with two Chickadees. Upon further study it was a warbler with gray face and head, complete white eye ring around black eye, dark gray beak, bright yellow throat and breast to legs, whitish between legs, yellow under tail coverts, olive back, wings and tail, tail slightly notched, no wing bars, and no streaking anywhere.

*Similar species and how eliminated:* N. Parula has white wing bars and incomplete eye ring; Magnolia has wing bars, yellow rump, and breast streaking; Pine has wing bars, streaking, white undertail coverts; Mourning and Connecticut do not have yellow throat; Canada has breast streaking and white undertail coverts; Common Yellowthroat immature does not have gray head and face.

*Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification?*

All above named birders agreed on the identification.

*If yes, explain:*

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

Light was diffused by clouds. Bird was seen from east and west side of tree. View was unobstructed from as close as 17-20 feet with Swift Audubon 8.5 x 44 binoculars.

*Previous experience with species and similar ones:*

Common in migration.

*References and persons consulted before writing description:*

National Geographic field guide was used on the spot.

*How long before field notes made?* All characteristics were observed. Mental notes only.

*How long before this form completed?* Same day.

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