

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Pine Warbler How many? 1Location? Grammer Grove W.A., Marshall CountyType of habitat? riverbottom deciduous woodland, tall treesWhen? date(s): May 10, 1988 time: 8:30^{AM} to 8:35^{AM}Who? your name and address: Beth Proescholdt, Liscomb, Box 65
50148others 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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

When I first spotted this bird in the treetops I thought "Pine Warbler" but I scarcely believed my good luck & tried hard to make it a Yellow-throated Vireo. But although it had strong white wing-bars & had the pattern of olive back, yellow breast & white belly, it had no yellow spectacles, & the yellow breast was dull (as compared to the bright yellow of the vireo). I saw no rump color to compare nor white tail spots, nor even the faint streaks on the breast (although they probably accounted for the much duller yellow) because for the 5 minutes I watched the bird it was flitting high in the trees. But I am sure it was a Pine Warbler rather than a Yellow-throated Vireo, especially because of its lack of spectacles. I heard no song.

Similar species and how eliminated: Yellow-throated Vireo -
see above

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? _____

If yes, explain:

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

sunny skies, tree tops about 60', 8x30 Nikon binocularsPrevious experience with species and similar ones: I have seen Pine Warblers 2 or 3 times, & Yellow-throated Vireos oftenReferences and persons consulted before writing description: field guides -How long before field notes made? at once this form completed? May 26, 1988

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