

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? PINE WARBLER *Dendroica pinus* How many? ONE  
 Location? Brookside Park, Ames, Iowa ~~Woodbury County~~ ?? - men  
 Type of habitat? Deciduous grove adjacent to open fields : Story Co - men  
 When? date(s): September 3, 1984 time: 1030 hrs to 1040 hrs.  
 Who? your name and address: Jack A. Holloway III Frikey #4471 Converse Ames, Iowa 50012  
 others with you: Paul Martsching  
 others before or after you: None known of

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.

HEAD: 1) Lightly yellow washed superciliary line over dark eye  
 2) Rest of head drab olive-gray

BACK: 1) Olive-Gray without streaking; solid coloration

WINGS: 1) Two very distinct white wing bars on olive-gray wings

BREAST: 1) Faintly, almost imperceptively yellow; this was not due to reflection from leaves  
 2) Faint gray streaks (few) near bend of wing  
 3) Lower abdomen white all the way down to the white under tail coverts.

TAIL: 1) Same color (possibly only slightly darker) than rest of olive gray body  
 2) Underneath of the tail was white except near tip

BEHAVIOR: 1) Actively feeding but more "sluggish" than other the other smaller warblers.

Similar species and how eliminated: Bay-Breasted & Blackpoll

- 1) Solid, unstreaked back
- 2) Yellow washed superciliary
- 3) Faint yellow wash on breast
- 4) Markedly larger than Bay-Breasted seen next to it

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? Almost

If yes, explain: Paul was almost positive of *D. pinus* but he never got see the back to see if was unstreaked or not so as to be certain of *D. pinus*.

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

Shaded woods under partly sky but adequate light for accurate examination.

Distance: Vary from 10 feet to 50 feet

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Much experience with breeding plumage pine warblers in New York.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Paul Martsching, Peterson F.G. (1980)

How long before field notes made? immediate this form completed? 11 hours

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