

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Prairie Warbler How many? 1Location? Sweet MarshType of habitat? Small clearing where a ^{river} birch overgrown area meets more upland ^{Area is wet under foot} river bottom timberWhen? date(s): May 13, 1983 time: 10:05 A.M. to 10:10 A.M.Who? your name and address: Robert K. Myers 1236 Sylvia Ave. Waterloo Iowaothers with you: Francis Mooreothers before or after you: Francis Moore - found singing bird day before

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.

An unlikely habitat for this warbler, but this area was litterly infested with many kinds of warblers and Francis heard ^{bird} ~~the~~ (or another) singing the day before.

Francis refoand this bird this day in almost the same tree as the singing bird of the day prior.

Bird was small (about ~~goldfinch~~ goldfinch size) and basically was olive green above and fairly bright yellow below. Bird had a black line going back from base of bill thru the eye and another from base of bill going down under eye to neck. The bird's sides were (striped) in black (only the sides). Undertail covert were (streaked) white. Bird # had two faint yellowish wingbars.

Bill + eye were dark

I didn't think the black markings were quite as distinctive as on the Lansing bird and even at our close range I could see no reddish streaks on back. Maybe this bird was a ♀ and Francis heard another bird, a ♂, the day before.

Similar species and how eliminated: The basic coloration, facial marking, and side streaking rule out all else I can think of.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

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

Bird was low - probably about 30'-35' est. and the day was overcast but fairly bright

I use B&L 7x35 binocs.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I had an excellent opportunity to study the one I found near Lansing last spring.

References and persons consulted before writing description: Peterson

How long before field notes made? 8 hrs. this form completed? 2 days

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