

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

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What species? Pine Warbler How many? 1 or 2 malesLocation? Grammer Grove Co. Wildlife Area - (Marshall Co.)Type of habitat? Riverbottom WoodsWhen? date(s): August 31, 1985 time: (very approximate 11:00 a.m. to 11:02 a.m.) (then seen later)Who? your name and address: Mark Proescholdt, Liscomb, Iowaothers with you: Beth Proescholdtothers 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.

A wave of warblers was coming toward us. One warbler had a bright yellow breast, dark green back, and prominent white wing bars. It also had white underneath its tail. We had just seen a Yellow-throated Vireo with striking yellow spectacles and looked at this bird closely. It definitely did not have yellow spectacles. The bird approached with other warblers and at one point was about 6 feet away over our heads. We had good looks at the bird. Later, we saw this bird or another Pine Warbler in a different area. We also saw another Yellow-throated Vireo after this and similar species and how eliminated: the yellow spectacles were evident even at a fair distance away.

Yellow-throated Vireos have distinctive yellow spectacles.
Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

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

Partly sunny in shaded woods. Distances estimated. 7X35 Binoculars.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have had good looks at Pine warblers and many Yellow-throated Vireos.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Peterson's Birds East of the Rockies, Natl. Geographic Guide, Robbins' Birds of North America.How long before field notes made? Noted while viewing this form completed? Oct. 2, 1985

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