

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? White-throated Sparrow How many? 1Location? Emmet Co. : T100N, R34W, S7 (NW 1/4)Type of habitat? Edge of mature woods in raspberry thicket w. of Des Moines RiverWhen? date(s): 20 July 1984 time: ~ 10:00 to 10:05Who? your name and address: David Ewert, Nature Conservancy, 424 Tenth St - Suite 311  
Des Moines, IA 50309others with you: Bob Moats, REB, Estherville, IA 51334others 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.

Bird was a white phase individual; clear gray underparts, white <sup>striped</sup> crown & throat, yellow lores clearly seen.

No evidence birds was territorial. but only present at site for about 5 minutes. No other birds noted. No vocalizations made.

Apparently first summer record for this species.

Similar species and how eliminated: white-throat and yellow lores clearly distinguished from white-crowned sparrow.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:  
lighting from east gave excellent viewing conditions of bird to west.  
Bird 20 ft. away and seen with 7x35 binoculars.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Mich., N.Y. and elsewhere on breeding grounds, wintering grounds and in migration.

References and persons consulted before writing description: NoneHow long before field notes made? 2 days this form completed? 2 days

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