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Dear Tom -

I sighted a Pine Warbler on 4/29/85 -
in a deciduous woods in rural Scott Co.
4 miles west of Princeton Ia. I feel
confident of the identification, but since
this is a new bird for me and I was
alone, I'm submitting my field notes
for your consideration.

Time - about noon

Weather - partly sunny, light breeze,
about 70° F.

Habitat - Deciduous upland woods - near
host creek. Bird was in a medium
(30 ft.) box elder, hunting insects.

Song - a trill, similar to clipping sparrow,
but less ringing.

- field marks -
1. yellow throat and chest
 2. white belly and ~~the~~ undertail coverts.
 3. fine dark markings (light) on sides.
 4. white in wing bars not conspicuous + not well observed.
 5. dark eye line with yellow above.
 6. Brownish on top.
 7. prominent white tail spots.

Also of interest was a Ruffed Grouse seen 5/1/85 by myself and Betty Hunt in SW Clinton Co. about 1½ mi. north-east of Sherman Park. They were first seen near the road in an unplowed field. They flew across the road into a wooded area (3-4 acres) near a ~~farm~~ farm house + surrounded by plowed fields. Identification was definite.

Sincerely, Bill Barker