

IOWA BREEDING BIRD ATLAS DOCUMENTATION FORM

What species? Cerulean Warbler How many? 10Location: County Webster #94 Block Brushy Creek (#330)Location in detail T87N, R 27W, S3, NW 1/4, SE 1/4 at the
confluence of 2 small creeks about 300 yards upstream from Brushy CreekHabitat? Bottomland timber + sidehill oak timberWhen? date? 10:30 A.M. 6/5/87 Time: _____ to _____Observer? Name: Doug ReevesAddress: RT1, Ledges Road, Boone, IA 50036Telephone: 515-432-2823

Description of bird(s): include size, shape, detailed description of all parts including bill, eye, head, neck, back, wings, tail, throat, breast, belly, undertail, legs, feet; also voice and behavior. Use additional sheets if necessary.

A small warbler-type bird blue gray in color above, whitish below with dark streaks along the sides. Two prominent black markings at the joint of the neck (incomplete neckband?). Bird had at least 1 white wing bar although it was in the treetops and I did not get a good side profile look. Song was repeated at very frequent intervals and consisted of 4 syllables on the same pitch ~~to~~ ending in an inflection (zee-zee-zee-zee-zeeeee).

Similar species and how eliminated:

AT first I thought perhaps it was a black-throated blue warbler but after looking in the Peterson and Golden Guides I realized that the wing bar and white throat of the bird I saw eliminated that possibility.

Did anyone have reservations about identification? If so, explain:

Viewing conditions: lighting, distance and how measured, optical equipment used. Beautiful sunny day, I was below the bird looking into a tree canopy/blue sky background. Swift Audubon 8.5x44 binoculars provided assistance. Bird was about 35-40 yards away (estimated).

Previous experience with this species and other similar ones:

I saw a cerulean warbler with Bob Cecil at Shimek Forest last Spring - otherwise no other experience with the species.

BREEDING BEHAVIOR: Give all details observed that indicate that the species breeds on the block. If nest, eggs, young, or courtship display were observed, describe in detail.

Singing male

If books or other birders were consulted before writing up the documentation, please list them here:

I consulted both the Peterson (Eastern) and Golden Guides as soon as I arrived back at the car.

How long after observation were field notes made?

On site - see attached copy

How long after observation was this form completed?

4 hours.