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OTHER OBSERVERS: MARTSCHING

SEASON: Spring

YEAR: 1981

WEATHER/HABITAT: describe any unusual features at bottom of page

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
✓ Canada Goose	9	31 May	Hendrickson's Marsh late
Great Egret	1	31 May	" "
✓ Virginia Rail	1	25 May	" "
✓ Semipalmated Plover	9	25 May	" "
✓	7	30 May	" "
✓ Ruddy Turnstone	10	25 May	" "
✓	1	30 May	" "
Upland Sandpiper	1	25 May	about 3 miles NW of Hendrickson's Marsh
✓ Willet	1	14 May	Little Wall Lake
✓	1	23 May	} Hendrickson's Marsh
	1	25 May	
Stilt Sandpiper	2	16 May	" "
✓	28	23 May	" "
✓	2	25 May	" "
✓ Hudsonian Godwit	1	23 May	" "
	3	25 May	
✓ Wilson's Phalarope	1	23 May	" "
Caspian Tern	4	14 May	Little Wall Lake
✓ Tree Swallow	6	29 May	Hendrickson's Marsh early
✓ Blue Gray Gnatcatcher	2	19 April	} Brookside Park - Ames
	2	26 April	
Philadelphia Vireo	1	10 May	singing - Brown's Pinegrove
✓ Louisiana Water Thrush	1	5 April	Brookside Park - Ames
✓ Hooded Warbler	10 ⁺	26 April	" - Brown's Pinegrove
Pine Siskin	2	25 April	" " " " late

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species Hooded Warbler 2. Number: one male
3. Location Brookside Park Ames - Story County
4. Date: 26 April 1981 5. Time Bird seen: abt 10 min in late
to morning

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

warbler - yellow - black hood - with yellow face

7. Description of voice, if heard: no sound at all.

8. Description of behavior:

9. Habitat - general: undergrowth in bottomland forest
specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:

mourning warbler - yellow face
Connecticut warbler - yellow face

11. Distance (how measured)? 25 - 75 ft. It moved 3 - 6 ft off the ground
around at 12. Optical equipment: 8x50 binoculars

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

sunny - generally bird in good light - sun to left of bird &

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

Michigan - also saw one in Brookside late May 1970

15. Other observers:

George Brown & son Gordon

16. Did the others agree with your identification?

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: they had seen it & identified it before meeting me & taking
me back to where they had seen it.

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

Reynolds Field Guide to the Birds
& Golden Field Guide

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? it would be hard to mistake a Hooded W. for anything else
nearly a month

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