

DOCUMENTATION FORM
Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

Species: Hooded Warbler female

Location: 401 Taylor Ida Grove Iowa

Habitat: In migration?

Date: 5/27/93

Time: 8:13 p.m.

Name and Address: Peter Ernzen 401 Taylor Ida Grove Iowa 51445

Other Observers: None

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bills, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under-tail, legs, feet). Also mention behavior and voice.

Olive gray hood with black eye no gray around eye, grayish back and wings, yellow chest, ventral part of tail was white, white prominent on the outer tails (dorsal side) as the bird fanned its tail when it flew away. → *feathers*

Similar species and how eliminated: Wilson's Warbler female

No gray around the black eye, Wilson's has a black tail and darker back.

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about identification?

No

If yes explain:

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

The bird hit a window in the living room and landed in a cedar tree approximately three feet from the window. Though the sun was not shining the viewing conditions were excellent. The bird sat in the branch apparently stunned for about 15 seconds. No binoculars were required for observation.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

I observed a Male last spring, I have seen the female Wilson's Warbler several times a year in migration for the last ten years.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

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National Geographic Field Guide to Birds of North America.

How long before field notes made? Immediately. How long before this form completed? Next day.

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