

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? HOODED WARBLER-female How many? 1Location? Amana Woods. Iowa County. One mile east of HWY 149 on a dirt road immediately south of Iowa River.Type of habitat? Moist deciduous mature woodland with much undergrowthWhen? date(s): 4 June 1982 time: 12:40 to 12:50 PMWho? your name and address: Carl J. Bendorf 825 Seventh Ave. Iowa City IA. 52240

others with you: _____

others before or after you: Found later in day by myself, Tom Kent, Tom Staudt of Iowa City, and Lanny Haldy of Amana

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. Upper surface of the back, wings, and tail a uniform olive-green color. Top of head also greenish but upper forehead was shaded with a distinct black area. This black shading extended around sides of the head above the eye and then dipped down behind the eye into the face in the post-auricular region.

This black shading on head outlined a solid bright yellow face, forehead, and cheek area.

The entire underparts were uniform bright yellow. The undersurface of the tail had two large white areas. The size of the bird was quite large for a warbler.

I watched the bird for ten minutes as it very actively foraged about in the undergrowth or perched on lower limbs of small trees. The bird perched quite horizontally and frequently flipped its tail. Sometime the bird would drop to the ground and disappear momentarily. It continually emitted a loud chip note, similar to but not quite as metallic as that of a Cardinal.

At two different times the bird carried what appeared to be fine grassed in its mouth.

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SEE ATTACHED SKETCH MADE 90MINUTES AFTER OBSERVATION

Similar species and how eliminated: Female Wilson's Warbler is eliminated by the observation of two large white areas on the undertail surface

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
Bright sun overhead but viewing was all in shade. Estimated distance of 15 to 50 feet. 7X35 Binoculars.

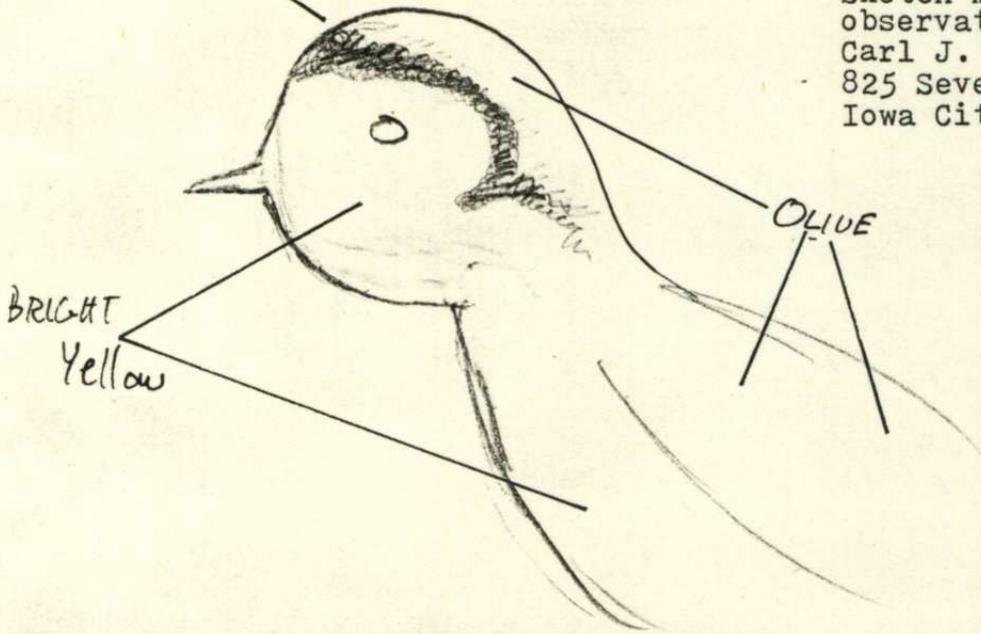
Previous experience with species and similar ones: First time for Hooded. Probably very little experience with female Wilson's.

References and persons consulted before writing description: NONE

How long before field notes made? 90 minutes this form completed? retyped on 30 JULY.

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BLACK SHADING



HOODED WARBLER - female
4 June 1982 Amana Woods
Iowa County.

Sketch made 90 minutes after
observation.

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