

Middlewestern Prairie Region
(Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio)

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species hooded warbler 2. Number: 1(5)
3. Location wooded hillside n. of Co. Rd 'F', just w of highway 218
4. Date: 5-27 5. Time Bird seen: ~ 8 AM to ~ 8:10 AM
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):
bill slender ^{and} bill + legs blackish. Upper parts dull yellowish-olive, as were wings + tail. Tail had light spots on distal part of rectrices. Under-parts: bright yellowish on lower throat + breast, lighter on belly + under tail coverts. Forehead + crown black, black extending down side of neck to upper throat, which was also black. ^{facial} Area enclosed by black was bright yellow.
7. Description of voice, if heard: Five sturred notes, the 1st 3 higher, and a single unsturred note, lower in pitch than the 2 middle notes: seeewee seeewee
8. Description of behavior: singing in lower branches of tall oak; would sing for a few min. without (over) seeewee chwe chwe chwe. Tone very loud + ringing. Cadence rather like magnolia, tone like Canada's.
9. Habitat - general: (over)
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:
song, black 'hood' eliminate Kentucky, Canada Warblers - Canada has necklace of streaks, not solid black on throat; Kentucky has no black on throat
11. Distance (how measured)? -50'-100' est 12. Optical equipment: 8x40 binocs
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): partly cloudy; sun behind observer
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
have seen many hooded in Md, Va., a few in Mass. Am well familiar w
15. Other observers: Canada; have not seen a Kentucky Warbler for ~ 13 years
none but used to be on familiar terms with. It. Have seen all
16. Did the others agree with your identification? common e. n. Am. Warblers + vireos except Bachman's + Kirtland's.
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
None
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? Plumage + song descriptions transcribed from notes made on spot
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behavior

moving, then fly to another perch in the same or an adjacent tree. Eventually took a long flight + I could not relocate it.

habitat:

specific: a wooded hillside, with mature oaks + shagbark hickories and a dense understory of 6'-10'-high shrubs, and forbs.

general: above is part of a large tract of woodland that borders the N. shore of the Coralville Reservoir, separated from the reservoir by a road and a belt of second-growth woods. to the W. is an old farm, brushy grown-up pastures; to the N. is farmland.