

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species Hooded Warbler 2. Number: one male

3. Location Grassie Park Ames - Story County

4. Date: 26 April 1981 5. Time Bird seen: at 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: not seen (at all)

8. Description of behavior:

9. Habitat - general: unkeigrowth in borderland forest  
specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:  
morning warbler - yellow face  
Connecticut warbler - yellow face

11. Distance (how measured)? 25 - 75 ft above ground 12. Optical equipment: 7x50 binoculars

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

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

15. Other observers: Medington - also saw one in Brookside late May 1970  
George Brown & son London

16. Did the others agree with your identification?

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: they did not see it before meeting me & taking me to the site where they had seen it

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: Johns Field Guide to the Birds  
Grackles Field Guide

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? near a month

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