

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Hooded Warbler How many? 1Location? Grammer Grove Co. Park - Marshall Co.Type of habitat? Riverbottom Woods - open areas and weedsWhen? date(s): August 23, 1987 time: 7:35 a.m. to 7:36 a.m.Who? your name and address: Mark Proescholdt, Liscomb, Iowaothers with you: noneothers before or after you: none

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.

I was 15-20 feet away from some patches of ragweed when I saw a bird about 4 feet off the ground flitting about in the ragweed. It was a warbler that was all bright yellow underneath from its throat to its undertail coverts. Its topside (head, back, wings, and tail) were all dark olive green. Just after I saw one warbler, another warbler was beside it that looked just like it. I watched one of the warblers and then never saw the second one again. At least two or three or four times I saw white along the <sup>(edge of the)</sup> topside of the tail that reminded me of the white along the tail of a Vesper Sparrow. It had a yellowish face with a greenish crown.

Similar species and how eliminated: A Yellow Warbler has a lighter-colored topside and has yellow tail spots. A Wilson's Warbler lacks the white tail spots.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NoIf yes, explain: (I feel certain it was a Hooded Warbler.)

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

Clear and sunny. Sun not up high enough to be a strong factor - viewing area in shade. Excellent looks. Distances estimated. 8x30 Binoculars.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

This is the first immature or female Hooded Warbler I've seen.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Peterson's A Field Guide to the Birds, Natl. Geog. Birds of N. America, Robbins' guide.

How long before field notes made? Just after this form completed? August 23, 1987

Viewing + this afternoon.

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