

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Hooded Warbler Wilsonia citring How many? Two malesLocation? North end of Pammel Woods; Ames, Story County, IowaType of habitat? Deciduous, many sapling + shrubbery; near streamWhen? date(s): April 28, 1984 Saturday time: 11:20 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.Who? your name and address: Jack A. Holloway; Friley #4471 Converse, Ames, Iowa 50012others with you: No oneothers before or after you: No one

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.

Head: Bright yellow cheeks and forehead encircled by a black "hood"
 Black covered throat + upper extreme of chest; narrowed down between the ear and shoulder and then broadened out to cover the top of the head. -- Eye: Black

Tail: Dingier yellow with white in the outer tail feathers that would be flashed when the bird flew

Lower chest +
 Abdomen: Bright yellow; solid color with no spots or streaking

Back +
 Upper wings: Yellowish-olive; no stripes or wingbars

Voice: Metallic "chink" repeated approximately 8 times per 10 seconds

Behavior: Foraged on the ground + low branches; very active + fidgety

Similar species and how eliminated:

No similars: Black encircling "hood" along with white in the outer tail feathers is quite distinctive.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No other observer

If yes, explain:

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

Sunny sky; bare trees allowed plenty of light for observation 7x35 binoculars

Distance: 15 feet for 10 minutes; 20 meters (paced) for 20 minutes.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: First time I've seen this species

References and persons consulted before writing description:

A Field Guide to the Birds (Peterson, 1980) Birds of North America (Robbins, 1983) Iowa Birds (Dinsmore, 1984)

How long before field notes made? Immediately this form completed? 3 hours

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