

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Wilson's Warbler 2. Number 1
 3. Location Johnson Co Iowa, Coralville Res.
 4. Date: 11-2-80 5. Time Bird Seen: 11 AM ± to 15 sec
 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):

Bird flew out of Cedars into small sapling - 20 ft high and 10 ft in front of me. Warbler size with thin fine dark bill. All yellow beneath, black eye, black top of head as seen from beneath and side. Olive wing.
 7. Description of voice, if heard: NA
 8. Description of behavior: Flew into tree, sat still for about 15 sec and then flew into cedars
 9. Habitat - general: old farmstead
specific: 1/2 mi. north of Sandy Beach on Coralville Res
 10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:
At first considered goldfinch because of yellow color, but wings not dark + bill, body and size that of a warbler.
 11. Distance (how measured)?
~ 25 ft (est)
 12. Optical equipment:
8 X 40 Leitz binoculars
 13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
clear, sun behind me.
 14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
Common
 15. Other observers: Carl Bendorf, he saw bird first
 16. Did the others agree with your identification? yes
 17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none
 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? 3 1/2 hours
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