

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Hooded Warbler How many? 1
Location? McNider Woods MASON CITY IA
Type of Habitat? Park of cotton wood, willows, ash + undergrowth
When? date(s): 8 May 1995 [1994] time: 3 to 4 pm
Who? your name and address: Rita Goranson
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Others with you: _____
Others before or after you: Carolyn FISCHER

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Warbler bright yellow with a yellow patch around eyes + across forehead and to other side. (The call - loud - was what attracted us to the bird, also it flit in the trees + then down to the water puddle where it spread its tail as it moved around for water and then back to the trees.) black cap and throat patch tied together with a black line on each side of neck.

Similar species; how eliminated:

cap reminded me of Wilson's but the black throat was different.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? NO
If yes, explain:

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

Sunny but we were inside trees + shaded
binocs = NIKON - 7X35

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

NOT seen this one but have seen many other warbler species

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Peterson's - Eastern Bird Guide + National Geographic Guide

How long before field notes made? 8 May this form completed? May 31

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).