

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Hooded Warbler 2. Number 1
3. Location Sunken Grove, IA
4. Date: 5-18-80 5. Time Bird Seen: 9:15 to 5:00
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 SIZED - SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN COMMON Yellowthroat, Yellow bird with Black (cape, neck ring + bib.)
7. Description of voice, if heard: NOT HEARD
8. Description of behavior: Darted from heavy cover onto a path and quickly ran into the weeds.
9. Habitat - general: Marsh with a 15 acre mature deciduous forest
specific: A DAMP RAUINE with dense secondary growth of small tree and bushes. Forest floor primary new growth
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7, & 8. nettles and others 6" to 12" high
Explain:
11. Distance (how measured)? 20 yds est. 12. Optical equipment: 7x35 Binoculars
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
OVERCAST - good - N/A
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
15. Other observers: NONE
16. Did the others agree with your identification?
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: Birds of N. America
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 6 hrs
- Signature: Raymond L. Cummins Address: 204 NW 12th Street
- Date: 5-18-80 City, State: Pocahontas, Iowa 50574