

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE SPECIES

? Cerro Gordo County record

SPECIES: HOODED WARBLER, Wilsonia citrina

DATE: 5-7-94 (relocated 5-8-94) TIME: 0930-1030 (1230-1330)

LOCATION: Macnider Woods Park, Mason City, Iowa

WEATHER: cool and overcast

DESCRIPTION: The small brilliantly marked bird landed in a low bush approximately five feet away. It was similar in size to the plentiful Yellow Rumped Warbler, but with the unaided eye it was unmistakably a male Hooded Warbler. Its' bright yellow forehead, face, sides, and belly were sharply contrasted by its dark black hood and eye. Its back was a rich olive color that faded slightly over the wings and tail. I observed the bird for an hour as it made its way into the woods, walking and flittering through the bushy and leafy undergrowth. It had the habit of flicking its tail revealing hidden white patches on the feathers.

I relocated the bird the following day deeper in the woods amongst dense fallen leaves and scattered pools of standing water. No similar species were noted. The bird was not singing. Several other local birders confirmed the siting this day.

MAXILLA/MANDIBLE: DARK

LEGS: PALE

EXPERIENCE: NOVICE BIRDER

EQUIPMENT: Swift 7\*35

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