

<u>name</u>	<u>date</u>	<u># of birds</u>	<u>location</u>
Common Loon	4-10-92	2	D.M Maffitt R
Sora	4-30-92	1	D.M. Waterworks
Golden-crowned Kinglet	3-6-92	1	Lamb's Grove
Eastern Bluebird	4-10	3	D.M. Maffitt R.
Yellow-rumped Warbler	4-10-92	1	D.M. Maffitt R.
Hooded Warbler	4-19-92	1	Lamb's Grove
Summer Tanager	5-24,30-92	2	Lamb's Grove

### SPRING 1992 BIRD REPORT

Early this spring the weather was warm and somewhat dry. Later the weather turned wetter and cooler. This seemed to have spread out the bird migration somewhat. The first Yellow-rumped Warbler was seen 4-10-92 and the last Tennessee Warbler was heard 5-23-92.

The diversity of warblers passing through Lamb's Grove was down this year but the Hooded Warbler was a definately interesting observation. The Tennessee Warbler population was especially abundant in Lamb's Grove ~~this~~ year. No American Redstarts were sighted though they were so prevalent last year.

The summer tanager has been regularly sighted in Lamb's Grove so I did not document it. It has an interesting behavior of snatching moths that fly up from a lawn mower and has even snatched insects from between my feet and the mower while it was running! It is very startling the first few times as one suddenly has this flash of red so close when you do not expect it. I am considering writing a little article about "The Mower Bird". The bird seems to have no fear!

I.D.#: 067 name: Sora  
season: spring yr: 1992 date: 4-30-92  
observers: G.B. & T.V.  
sources consulted:

# of birds: 1  
location: D.M. Waterworks  
report?: ydoc?: y

habitat: In brush at edge of recharge ponds  
description, visual: Brown hunch-backed bird with short cocked tail, short yellow beak. It was approximately the size of a robin.

behavior: Very secretive. Initially saw it low in brush behind sticks. It then scooted down to the ground. Couldn't locate it again and it didn't flush.  
vocalizations: none heard, was midday.

similar species and how eliminated: Was obviously a rail but had the short beak of the sora vs Virginia Rail.

equipment used and weather conditions: 8x32 & 10x50 binoculars were used in the sighting. The time was 12:00 noon with a clear sky but windy and very warm. I was not expecting to see much at this time of day, especially a rail. Tom Van saw it first and immediately saw that it was unusual. I had only a couple seconds to view the Sora but am an experienced birder and am confident of its ID

I.D.#: 218 name: Hooded Warbler  
season: spring yr: 1992 date: 4-19-92  
observers: G.B.

# of birds: 1  
location: Lamb's Grove  
report?: ydoc?: y

sources consulted: Birds of North America  
habitat: Residential, Riparian woodlands with brushy understory  
description, visual: Small, yellow below with striking black and yellow head. The yellow side of head is intensely yellow in contrast to the black.

behavior: Stayed low in the brush in the creek and repeatedly flared its tail feathers to flash white tail spots.  
vocalizations: didn't hear any

similar species and how eliminated: Wilson's Warbler is similar in size, habitat preference and underside coloration. However the head is very different. This warbler had a very pronounced yellow patch on side on head bordered in sharp contrast with black. The Wilson's has a black cap but not sharp yellow patch.  
equipment used and weather conditions: 8x24 binoculars at approximately 30 ft. The time was 8:30 AM with light rain but the visibility was good.

I.D.#: 198 name: Yellow-rumped Warbler  
 season: spring yr: 1992 date: 4-10-92  
 observers: G.B. & T.V.  
 sources consulted:

# of birds: 1  
 location: D.M. Maffitt R.  
 report?: ydoc?: y

habitat: Open woodland near the reservoir water  
 description, visual: a male, yellow rump and yellow patch on side by the wrist  
 of the wing. White throat  
 behavior: Would occasionally flutter in the air while feeding as  
 is typical of warblers.  
 vocalizations: thin nondescript

similar species and how eliminated: are none

equipment used and weather conditions: 7 x 50 and 10 x 50 binoculars. Excellent  
 lighting. Only documenting because of the somewhat early arrival.

I.D.#: 001 name: Common Loon  
 season: spring yr: 1992 date: 4-10-92  
 observers: G.B. & T.V.  
 sources consulted:

# of birds: 2  
 location: D.M Maffitt R  
 report?: ydoc?: y

habitat: Relatively secluded reservoir, clean deep water  
 description, visual: large, long billed diving bird with a dark head and black &  
 white checkered back.  
 behavior: Was very solitary and would dive for a minute at a time  
 vocalizations: none heard

similar species and how eliminated: All dark head distinguished it from other  
 loons. Can not be readily confused with any other species.

equipment used and weather conditions: 7 x 50 binoculars and 10 x 50 binoculars  
 The time was 12 noon with excellent lighting. Partly cloudy warm and slightly  
 breezy.

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