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UTAH BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

COMMON NAME: Hooded Warbler SCIENTIFIC NAME: Wilsonia citrina

DATE: September 10, 1981 TIME: unknown LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: unknown but long enough to ID

NUMBER: 1 AGE: Adult SEX: Male

LOCATION: Chamberlain's Ranch

COUNTY: Kane LATILONG: ELEVATION:

DISTANCE TO BIRD: As I recall, 30 feet.

WEATHER: No rain.

LIGHT CONDITIONS:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BIRD:

I did not take contemporaneous field notes of the bird other than listing what birds I saw that day.

SONG OR CALL AND METHOD OF DELIVERY: No information.

BEHAVIOR: No information.

HABITAT: No information.

My notes say "riparian environment" but I do not recall what or whether this has anything to do with the sighting.

SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW WERE THEY ELIMINATED:

Adult male Hooded Warbler is unique. I had a field guide with me at the time, probably the Golden Guide "A Guide to Field Identification Birds of North America" and used that to identify the bird.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES:

This was my first sighting of a Hooded Warbler.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

At the time, probably the Golden Guide "A Guide to Field Identification Birds of North America.

DESCRIPTION FROM: NOTES TAKEN AT TIME OF SIGHTING Yes, NOTES MADE LATER _____, FROM MEMORY _____

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OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

My notes show that I was birding with two other people. Mark Zdiank (spelling?) and Riley Nelson. I have no idea where these folks are now.

DATE PREPARED: November 19, 2000

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL: PHOTO____, DRAWING____, TAPE____, OTHER

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> <cathyp@uswest.net> wrote:
> Hello Utah Bird Records Committee,
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> I recently became aware that my 1981 sighting of a Hooded
> Warbler in Utah was rather unusual (and that you might be
> interested even in this old, spotty record.) I attach a
> documentation form for the sighting. I apologize that I do
> not have more information. At the time of my sighting, I had
> no idea that there were such things as bird records
> committees or rare bird alerts. However, I did carry a
> notebook with me for my sightings notes. I was working then
> as a Park Technician at Zion National Park.
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> Please let me know if I can answer any questions.
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> Please acknowledge that you received this submission.
> Thanks.
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Steven,

Thanks for your note.

As for a description, let me word as I would have in 1981.

A smallish bird, about sparrow sized, mostly yellowish, with a distinctive black and yellow head.

I do not know if I knew it was a warbler the moment I saw it. I was pretty new to birding and warblers then.

I do recall that it was either on the ground or not far off of it, no more than ten feet. It was not in the canopy. No warbler neck was involved.

I probably saw this bird and looked all the way through the last half (passerines) of the Golden guide to find that bird that matched. I do not recall "force fitting" what I saw to the picture. I recall being certain of what I saw based on the illustration in the Golden guide.

Cathy Pasterczyk