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VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Hooded Warbler

Scientific Name: Wilsonia citrina

Date: 5 June 1992

Time: 0750-0830

Length of time observed: 40 minutes

Number: 1

Age: Adult

Sex: ♂

Location: Indian Creek, draining north
from Abajo Mtns

Lat/long:

Elevation (if known): ~ 6800 ft

Distance to bird: 30-50 feet

Light conditions: Excellent morning light on
singing bird

Optical equipment: 8x30 Swarovski Habicht SLG

Weather:

Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

see sketch attached - also song description

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

From field notes: Song loud & consistent, with oriole-like quality; [diagrammed as] 2.2.11
3 loud notes clean (double whistle to close)

Behavior:

First remained low, hidden in QUGA as it sang;
then after ~ 20 min left for perch on twig in tall POAN snag

Habitat:

Riparian; mixed shrubs (QUGA, ROWO, RHTR) (Gambels Oak, Wild Rose, Squawbush)
+ narrow forest band Populus angustifolia

What similar species might it have been and how were these eliminated:

I had an excellent view of this bird, singing in full sunlight, once it left the Oak shrubs for the cottonwood snag. The distinct black hood & black eye, contrasting with the yellow face or 'cheeks', the olive-colored wings, back & tail; yellow breast/belly; really could mean but one species of bird.

- However my 1st & best clue was SONG. On a S. Willow Flycatcher survey, I was keenly tuned in to song every step of the way and this loud, noisy, distinct song was like no flycatcher. What experience have you had with this and similar species:

- I am familiar with the warblers: I'd expect to see/hear along Indian Creek oriole, warbler, wren, bunting, chat etc.
(Virginias, Orange Crowned, MacGillivray's, YB Chat)
Also with the Grosbeaks, Buntings, Orioles

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

I did not consult a text until after drawing my own song diagram & sketch of the bird. Then I looked in NG field guide, & later And Master Guide

Significance of record in this area or the state:

Additional material: (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording if available)

Description from notes taken at time of sighting ✓ notes made later from memory

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

Date prepared: 19 Oct 92

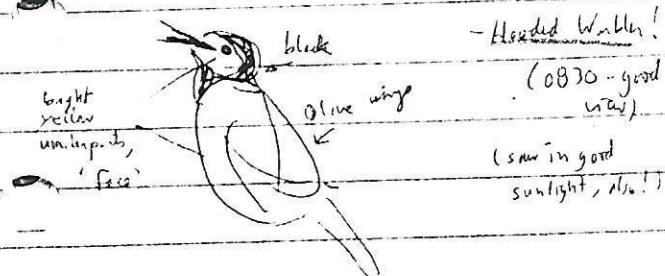
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WBN (upland) Warblers; prob. Western FC,
prob. Dusky FC

Mystery bird. Song has whistle-like quality (consistent)

3 notes 11 double whistle
to close
clean
but strong

Finally saw (in QUGA) then got a good view
as it sang from high dead twig POAN.



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I2-10. Note: Locatable on map: ~~last~~ side
can you to ESE. Sol. Vireo sing, R5Taden

Walked 60 paces since last stop - thick ALON
on right ~~suggests~~ seems less than ideal for Willow P.C.s
but ~~now~~ now trail at same remove from veg.

Worth a listen to warbler dist. + song points

- At creekside, ~~some~~ BEUC, ALIN

along bank but don't enter the ~~approach~~ approach
able (Kinnel Tenace veg QUGA PIP).