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Latilong _____ Record type _____ Serial No. _____
 Habitat _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name Hooded WarblerScientific Name Wilsonia citrinaObs. date Nov. 5, '83 Time(s) 1:10-1:20 p.m.Duration of obs. about 10 min.Distance from bird 10-20 yardsLight conditions scattered clouds; muted lightOptical equip. 7x50 Tasco binocularsPhoto equip. noneNotes made at time of sighting x Date report prepared _____Notes made later from memory _____ November 7, 1983

Weather at time of this observation.

Slightly overcast with periods of sun; temps. in 60's or low 70's.

Prior weather and number of days since change

Warm weather for two-three weeks; at least warm for this time of year. No rain or snow; low temps. in high

Locality

About 1½ miles south of Pintura, Uta in Washington County and about ½ mil east of the I-15 freeway in pinion-juniper and live oak community.

Enter number of birds in each category.	GENDER(S)	AGES(S)	PLUMAGE(S)	PHOTO(S)
Total number observed.	Males <u>x</u>	Adults <u>x</u>	Breeding <u>x</u> Transition _____	Available <u>none</u>
<u>one</u>	Females _____	Juv/Imms _____	Eclipse _____ Dark phase _____	Enclosed _____
	♀ or Imms _____	2/3 yr birds _____	Winter _____ Light ph. _____	
	Unknowns _____	Unknowns _____	Other _____	

Description of bird: Size, colors, all field marks OBSERVED. - Unique features of this individual, if any.

Size- Small, warbler size; about 5-6 inches in length.

Colors

Abdomen and flanks brilliant yellow; face also. Yellow was similar to a Wilson's Warbler color.

Head was all black; black continued underneath in a continuous band across the upper breast until it merged with the black on the opposite side of head forming a complete hood.

Back was olive-brown with very faint but noticeable brown lines or streaks. When the bird was in flight whitish outer tail feathers were observed; not as striking as in juncos, but very noticeable in contrast to darker brownish central rectrices.

Eyes were dark.

Feet were light colored, but didn't see them well.

I should mention that I was hunting quail (I had observed a large covey of about 50-70 birds previously in that vicinity), so I was carrying a 20 gauge shotgun as well as my binoculars. The urge to collect the bird was tempered by the fact that had I shot it at the distance at which I was observing it (10-20 yards), there would not have been much left to identify. I am satisfied that the identification is correct, I just do not have a specimen to prove it.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

Saw all ^{that} the fieldguides list as important for positive identification.

Variations from expected field marks.

none

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

Wilson's Warbler is the only one in terms of yellow coloration that could be confused with this species being described. The amount of black on the head and the black across the chest as well as the white tail spots eliminated Wilson as a possibility.

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

This bird was alone. Did not see it in association with any other species.

The bird flew into the shrub live oak, not on the outside or on top but into the interior of the bush which made observation difficult. When it flew into the pinion or the juniper trees it was always low in the branches and in the interior of the branches. It rarely sat still--always moving about in warbler fashion--and it never moved very high in the tree. When it was between 5-10 feet high it would fly to another tree. Its flight was low and direct.

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

Habitat was pinion-juniper with scattered thick clumps of shrub live oak. I-15 freeway was between 1/4-1/2 mile to the west and Ash Creek was about 1/2 mile to the east. The substratum was lava rock (scattered) and reddish dirt with very little grass or forb.

Describe bird's song or sounds.

The bird only gave short, sharp chip notes. And not many at that.

Print reporter's name, address, phone number

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?
No prior experience with this species;
a lot of experience with western species
of warblers (about 20 years worth).

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

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