

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Hooded Warbler

Scientific Name: *Wilsonia citrina*

Date: Sept. 4, 1985 Time:

Length of time observed: 20 seconds

Number: 1 Age:

Sex:

Location: Promontory Mts.

Latilong: 2

Elevation (if known):

Distance to bird: 15 feet

Light conditions: good

Optical equipment: 7X35 binoculars

Weather: calm

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

The bird had greenish upperparts and bright yellow underparts and a warbler bill. The crown was black and shaded into dark green on the neck and the sides of the neck. From the side, the forehead and face were bright yellow with a dark prominent eye. The dark hood formed a semicircle around the face. The bird would flick open its tail clearly showing white outer tail feathers. The center tail feathers were dark.

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

Behavior: The bird was at all times within five feet of the ground. It flew from the underbrush into the open where I observed it spreading its tail open, then into more underbrush then it disappeared

Habitat: It was in an isolated clump of trees. There are large trees with much undergrowth. At the south end, where the bird was observed is standing water. Just south of the clump of trees is a cattail marsh.

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

The Wilson's Warbler can be ruled out because it lacks the olive around the sides of the neck and does not have white outer tail feathers nor does it spread its tail.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

I am very familiar with Wilson's Warbler and all other warblers commonly occurring in Utah.

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

I was birding with Paul Lehman at the time and we were separated. When I first observed the bird I called for him to come as I felt I had a Hooded Warbler. He said that just prior to my calling he had independantly heard the distinctive call of a Hooded Warbler

Significance of record in this area or the state:

If accepted it would be the second record for Utah.

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

Description from notes taken at time of sighting _____ notes made later _____ from memory _____
Notes made shortly after

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

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