

Species: HOODED WARBLER

Record No. 684 - 82-03

Location: 11 mi S. JOHN DAY, GRANT CO.

Date(s): JULY 11, 1982

Observers	details	slides	prints	tapes
ALAN CONTRERAS	A	B		
DENNIS ROGERS				C

Specimen no. & location _____

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 Single rept. sighting _____
 Multiple rept. sighting _____

Not accepted _____
 origin questionable _____
 exotic not estab. _____

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Disposition

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 Main File A
 Slide File B
 Print File _____
 Tape File C

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Date observer(s) notified: DEC. 5, 1982

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1. Common and Scientific name: Hooded Warbler (Wilsonia citrina)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. "2 adult males in breeding plumage")
1 adult male in breeding plumage (I don't know if the winter plumage is much different)
3. County Grant Locality small roadside rest area along HWY 395 about 11 miles south of John Day. Just up the hill from where the Canyon Creek Rd. splits off.
4. Dates when seen: Sunday, July 11 1982 Time of Day: about 8 A.M.
5. Reporting observer and address: Alan Contreras 735 E. 22 Eugene OR 97405
6. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird: Dennis Rogers, 2206-1 Patterson, Eugene OR 97405 found the bird.
7. Other observers who independently identified the bird: none at the date of this writing.
8. Lighting conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): The bird tended to stay hidden for periods of time, but when it came out it was usually in fair to good light. Light was from behind the observers.
9. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Bushnell 8 x 40 very heavy binoculars.
10. Distance to bird: 50-100 feet
11. Duration of observation: off and on over about a half hour
12. Habitat (general and specific)
The rest area is in a heavily wooded canyon, down which a small creek runs, joining Canyon Creek at the bottom of the hill. Along the creek, there is very dense deciduous vegetation of several types, with some trees as tall as 30 feet. This vegetation is limited to the immediate area of the creek, and the hillsides are covered by pines.
13. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting etc; include and stress any habits used in identification flying about, actively feeding. It sometimes stayed in one spot for quite a while, and was next to impossible to find when not singing.
14. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what should have been seen. Include if possible: total length, body bulk and shape, bill, eye and leg characteristics, color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks.):
A very bright yellow warbler with olive-yellow back and wings, no wing bars, and a distinctive black throat, cap (excluding the forehead) and narrow connecting band. I did not notice the white tail-flash the species is supposed to have. It also appeared to have a dull darker area just in front of and behind the eye. The black eye stood out on the bright yellow face, lores and forehead. Black on the throat extended to the upper breast, so that a head on view from below showed an enormous black patch.

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15. Voice :

An extremely loud, clear series of sweet notes. It was loud and distinctive enough to record with a simple hand microphone, even over the sound of the creek and traffic. Dennis Rogers has the tape we made. The 1974 bird at Washburne Park in Lane County had a different song, but of similar tone and loud delivery. I have a tape of it.

16. Similar species (how are they eliminated by your observations?)

The only really similar species is the extremely rare Bachman's Warbler, which has a more blurred head pattern, is darker above and has a much different song. It also has no tail spots, but I never got a good look at the Hooded's tail. Hermit Warbler has a much different song, obvious wing bars on a gray and black wing/back, and is white underneath.

17. Photographs (was it photographed, if so by whom, are they attached or available?)

2 photos of poor quality were obtained by me. They are attached. One of them shows the side of the face fairly well.

18. Previous experience with this and similar species :

I saw the 1974 Hooded Warbler in Lane County, and have seen plenty of Hermit Warblers. I have, unfortunately, never seen a Bachman's Warbler. I hope to be able to make the comparison someday.

19. Aids used in identification (books, illustrations, birders, tapes etc.):

At time of observation: none

After observation: none

20. This description written from: ___ notes made during observation

___ notes made after observation (same day)

xx memory

21. Are you positive of your identification? yes if not, explain:

22. Date and time of writing this account: July 14, 1982

23. Signature of observer: Alan Contreras

