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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

(Please print or type. Attach photographs, drawings, and additional pages if necessary.)

Species: Hooded Warbler Wilsonia citrina
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)

Red 5/19/00 wpl

7-0 (A)

Date(s) of observation: May 6, 2000Number of birds seen: one Sex: Male Plumage: breedingExact location: Aiken Canyon Nature Conservancy Preserve, on the Canyon trailCounty: El Paso Nearest town: Colorado Springs Elevation: _____Length of observation: 10-15 min Times(s) of observation: 10:30 amOther observers who saw the bird(s) with you: NoneOther observers who independently saw the bird(s): Not knownLight conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's; position): GoodOptical equipment used: 7 x 35 binocularsDistance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 15 - 20 feet (Excellent views)Was bird photographed?: NO If so, have you submitted photographs? _____

Who took the photographs? _____

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: This adult hooded warbler was foraging in scrub oaks which were just leafing out. A dry stream bed was nearby.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification):

Foraging in newly leafed out scrub oaks. This bird was fairly tame and seemed unconcerned by my presence.

Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird(s) in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings, and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Describe other details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes):

The black hood completely surrounds the yellow face and cheeks. Eyes and bill are black. White in tail is revealed by repeated spreading and closing of tail feathers. Yellow underparts / Olive upperparts

Describe bird's call or song:

Short series of two note whistles with a strong ending.

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

Wilson's warbler has very little black (only on the cap) by comparison. Wilson's warbler has no white in its tail.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

4 years of intensive bird watching all across the U.S.A.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):

Petersen's Field Guides: Warblers and Eastern Birds.This report was made from notes made during ✓ or after _____ observation, or later from memory _____.Date of written report: 5/6/00Reporting observer: George CresswellSignature: George F. CresswellObserver's address: 5 Gentry Lane Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906

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