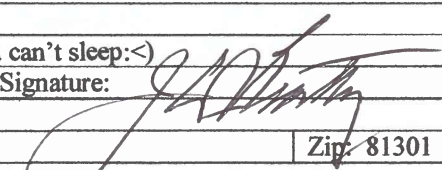


**Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form**  
(Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)

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CBRC FILE #: 2003-142		
RESULTS: (A) 6-1		
Species: (Common Name) Hooded Warbler		(Scientific Name) Wilsonia citrina
Date(s) of occurrence: September 2, 2003		
Number of birds seen: One	Sex: Immature	Plumage: First year
Exact location: East of Animas River behind Home Depot south of downtown Durango		
County: LaPlata	Nearest town: Durango	Elevation: 6500 ft
Length of observation: About three minutes		Time(s) of observation: Late morning (about 11 AM)
Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: None		
Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): None; bird could not be relocated, although I reported it locally.		
Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Very good; sun was left of bird and slightly behind me.		
Optical equipment used: Elite 10x42		
Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): About 75 ft.		
Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? No		If so, are you submitting photos? N/A
Who took the photograph(s)? N/A		
Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Riparian area with mixed shrubs and trees including cottonwoods. Bird was foraging with a large flock of Wilson's Warblers about 10-15 ft above the ground in cottonwoods.		
Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: Foraging about 10-15 ft above the ground and moving with the flock of Wilson's. It occasionally spread its tail, but not as much as I typically see with this species. Also, this bird was higher above the ground than I typically see this species.		
DESCRIPTION -- <b>This is the most important part of this report.</b> Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. The white outer tail feathers, as seen from below, first caught my attention to this medium-sized warbler. The bird was completely yellow underneath, except for the white outer tail feathers. The upper parts were a uniform drab olive. The bill was black and looked larger than the accompanying Wilson's. There was no black on the head. Although I only had short looks at the head, the eye was prominent on a yellowish face and the crown was darker, but not as dark as the back. I was not able to discern the dark lore as the bird stayed in the shade and managed to keep its head out of view most of the time that I observed it. The legs were pale. Overall, it looked larger than the nearby Wilson's and the tail was definitely longer.		
Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: Not heard.		
SIMILAR SPECIES -- <b>This is another critical part of your report.</b> Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: The white outer tail feathers, larger size, longer tail, and larger bill all distinguished this bird from the accompanying Wilson's Warblers. Also, the face showed more yellow surrounding the eye and not the strong yellow supercilium that Wilson's typically has.		
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Hooded Warbler was a regular, but uncommon warbler in SW Ohio where I birded for 20 years, before moving to Colorado. Wilson's Warbler is very common in SW Colorado.		
List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation): I consulted Warblers by Dunn/Garrett after returning home to verify my ID.		
This report was made from later from memory.		
Date and time of written report: February 4, 2004 at 3:30 AM (I have a cold and can't sleep:(<)		
Reporting observer: James D. Beatty		Signature: 
Reporting observer's address: 165 Twelve Point Buck Trail		
City: Durango	State: CO	Zip: 81301
<p><b>Send report to:</b>  <b>Colorado Bird Records Committee</b>  <b>Tony Leukering</b>  <b>PO Box 660</b>  <b>Brighton, CO 80601</b></p>		