

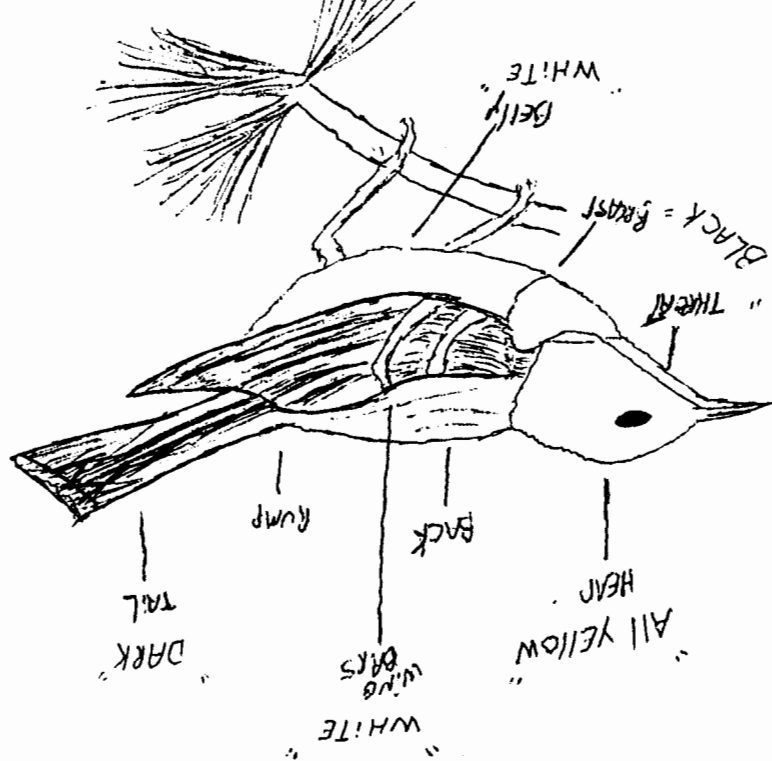
## CURIOUS REPORT

A mystery bird was seen Feb. 17<sup>1990</sup> by two active young birders in Mont Clare, Bob Fetterman and Kevin Hakun, in a stand of two large white pines in BF's yard. They were within 20 feet of the bird, and both had high quality (10x and 8x) binoculars.

Both give same description: yellow head and cheeks, a big black patch at throat "shaped like a rectangle," wing bars, warbler-shaped bill, warbler sized, very active in pine. "The picture in the guide book that looks most like it is the hermit warbler." They are sure it wasn't a black-throated green. Kevin drew a sketch of it, which I've asked to borrow. When I have it I'll send you a copy. What can I say?? They freely admit that a hermit warbler in Pennsylvania in Feb. is impossible (one record in Conn. according to Terres's Encycl. of American Birds)--no date given), but they are very sure about the yellow, unpatterned cheek and "light to medium yellow" on head. The bird flew off, and although they spent an hour--plus subsequent days--looking for it, it was not found again.

I've known these two young men only since last fall, when they presented themselves to me because they knew I birded. They are so full of enthusiasm about birding that I was quite charmed by them. I have actually birded with BF, my near neighbor, only twice, but I was impressed. He is very sharp-eyed. Raptors are his chief love, and he has become somewhat expert at hawk diagnoses. He reads all the literature avidly (recently subscribed to Penna. Birds). He and yet another birding buddy did a subsection of my CBC section this winter and turned in what I considered a very reliable list (all numbers about right; no rarities). BF says he began looking at hawks and ducks as a kid, and has been actively birding for two or three years.

Neal Thorpe



Kevin's sketch made 2/31  
 after learning I wanted to  
 borrow his original sketch:  
 He wanted to improve on  
 original!

TAIL WHITE PINES  
 FEB 15/90 NOON

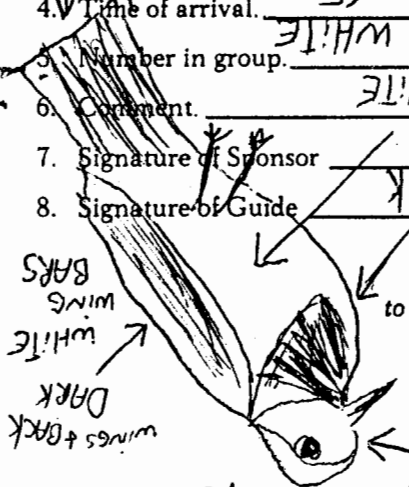
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1. Name of School or Organization. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Classification \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. Time of arrival. PINES VERY ACTIVE (FLYCATCHING)
5. Number in group. SEEN IN TAIL WHITE
6. Comment. WHITE
7. Signature of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_
8. Signature of Guide B.B. BLACK



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Kevin's sketch  
 made 2/31, shortly  
 after seeing bird.  
 He and Bob Fetherman  
 were coming home  
 after a morning of  
 birding. Had their  
 binoculars. K. noticed  
 little active bird in  
 big white pine.

238-01-1990  
 Kevin Helkun  
 309 Honeyucklan  
 Oaks, PA 19452  
 He works at  
 Schuylkill Valley  
 Nature Center,  
 where his boss  
 got him started  
 birding.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # of

Species: ~~Towhees~~ <sup>Hermit</sup> Warbler

Date of Sighting: Feb 17, 1990

Observer(s): Bob Fetterman, Kevin Hakun

Date of Submission: 1990

Submitted by: Kevin Hakun thru Neal Thorpe

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
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E. Kwater						X	
B. Haas						X	
F. Haas						X	
R. Leberman						X	
G. McWilliams						X	
S. Santner						X	
P. Schwalbe							X
TOTALS						6	1
DECISION						X	

Comments:

Signature (Secretary): *B. Haas*

Date: 11-10-90