

LOUISIANA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE  
REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of unusual birds. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all. Leave blank any details not observed. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print or type. Attach drawings, photographs, etc.; include all photos if an obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to the Secretary of the LOS Bird Records Committee.

1. Common and scientific name: Tropical Parula (*Parula pitiauyumi*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1 ad. ♀
3. Locality: Louisiana: LA Parish: Vermilion  
Hwy 200, 1/2 mi. West of Hwy 35
4. Date(s) when seen: January 13, 1996
5. Times of day when seen: 1:06 - 1:15
6. Reporting observer and address: Phillip Wallace  
4515 S. Prien St., N.O., LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:  
Curt Sorrells
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: Many others.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Excellent - sun-bright, behind and to left of observers.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10x40 binos
11. Distance to bird: 15 ft.
12. Duration of observation: 15 minutes
13. Habitat (general and specific): Brush, scrub, small trees - in vegetation along ditch (canal)
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification): Feeding and searching for food with Orange-crowned Warbler, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Ruby-crowned Kinglet
15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks):  
Small warbler - larger than Ruby-crown, shorter than Orange-crown  
Head, wings, lower back, and tail medium gray (Head blue-gray)  
Upper back - olive  
2 white wing bars  
Bright yellow throat, breast, and upper belly; white from legs to tail  
No dark mask.  
↓ to legs

found on 21 Dec  
by Gary Broussard and  
Ken Rosenberg

videotaped

present to at least  
20 Jan. +

Hint of pale superciliary, curved somewhat like a Warbling Vireo  
(not actually a crescent, broader, much less distinct); no pale pattern  
below the eye.

Tail - seemed to show white tail spots when it fanned tail.

16. Voice: Fairly rich chirp note, somewhat softer than Orange-crown.  
Heard Parula-like song 3 times - discrete buzzy zee notes, ascending.

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):  
Northern Parula eliminated by absence of white eye crescents,  
and by the extent of yellow on belly. Did not note extent  
of yellow on side of face.

18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?): None that help  
with I.D.

19. Previous experience with this species:  
Seen once in Peru

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification  
a) at time of observation; NGS Field Guide  
b) after observation:

21. This description written from: ☒ notes made during observation; ☐ notes  
made after observation; ☐ memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification? Yes. If not, explain:

23. Signature of reporter:

24. Date and time of writing this account:

Philly Wallace

March 9, 1986

10:30 am