

## LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiayumi*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
one male
3. Parish:  
St. Bernard Parish
4. Specific Locality:  
Chalmette Battlefield and National Cemetery
5. Date(s) when observed: 12/1/2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:31 a.m.
7. Reporting observer: Joan Garvey
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
Mark Meunier
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bird was not in direct sunlight on an otherwise sunny day but was clearly seen.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Canon EOS R5 with RF 100-500 F4.5-7.1 L IS USM lens
12. Distance to bird(s): 25 feet
13. Duration of observation: 8 minutes off and on
14. Habitat: the bird was in a water oak in a grove of live oaks in a cemetery with mowed grass

15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird was associated with a mixed flock that was feeding in the top of the oaks

16. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species):

The bird had blue-gray upper parts with a dark mask. There was an olive patch on the back and 2 white wing bars, The throat, breast and belly were bright yellow extending to the lower belly which was white as well as the under tail coverts.

17. Voice: the bird responded to playback

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Northern Parula was eliminated as this bird had no eye arcs and had a black mask. The yellow on the throat and belly extended further than is seen on a Northern Parula.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

Photographs by Joan Garvey

20. Previous experience with this species: I have seen this species in Texas

21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

iBird pro

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

12/1/2024

25. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

Yes

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes

