

SIGHT RECORD DETAILS: SABINE NWR CBC Please fill in ALL sections of this form. If a part of the bird is not seen, then so state. Please sketch pertinent features when possible.

SPECIES: TROPICAL PARULA DATE: 12/17 YEAR: 83 TIME: 1:00 AM/PM PM
LOCATION: Holly Beach "Triangle" PRIMARY OBSERVER: DAVID MUTH
of BIRDS: 1 DISTANCE: 5-25' LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Total 1 hr, 15 min. in sight
LIGHT CONDITIONS: overcast but good OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: BUSHNELL CUSTOM 10x50
AGE(adult, imm.): Female adult? or imm. SEX: ? not ad ♂
OVERALL APPEARANCE AND RELATIVE SIZE:

Parula Warbler size, size of or slightly larger than Ruby-crowned

BILL:

~~Bill~~ ?

CROWN & FOREHEAD:

slaty-blue-gray

NAPE: slaty blue-gray

FACE:

yellow - no dark feathering in malar area, clear line of demarcation
EYE: black - no eye ring

THROAT:

bright yellow

BREAST & SIDES:

Breast - yellow

BELLY & FLANKS:

upper belly yellow, lower belly & flanks white

UNDERTAIL COVERTS: white

BACK:

slaty blue-gray with olive-green square patch.

WINGS:

as back with 2 white wing bars

UNDERWINGS:

not well seen.

RUMP:

as back

UPPERTAIL COVERTS

as back.

~~UPPERSIDE OF TAIL:~~

2 white tail spots ~~2~~

UNDERSIDE OF TAIL:

Black or dark upper tail

LEGS:

~~dark~~ ?

BEHAVIOR:

Feeding constantly in Baccharis halimifolia and related scrub.
very active

VOICE:

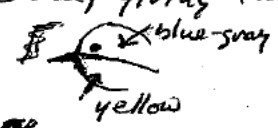
called fairly often - chip note reminiscent of Northern Parula, though seemed different, perhaps deeper

HABITAT:

Baccharis along fence line.

HOW IDENTIFICATION WAS DECIDED/ELIMINATION OF SIMILAR SPECIES:

Bird stood out immediately because of lack of eye-ring - there was absolutely no trace of white in the face. On close examination the following features were noted:

The extent of yellow was different from N. Parula: Malar region yellow, not blue-gray as it is supposed to be in N. Parula, giving the bird a more clear-cut demarcation between head & face. 
yellow extended into upper belly, though paler there.
Back seemed darker & richer than N. Parula.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES:

5/31/83 ♂ ♂ ♀ at Savita, Texas.

THIS DESCRIPTION WRITTEN 8 MINUTES/HOURS AFTER OBSERVATION

WERE NOTES TAKE DURING OBSERVATION? ☒ YES/NO

OTHERS SEEING BIRD (INCLUDE ADDRESSES)

Bill McKee

Mac Myers

Norton Nelkin

Fred & Geneva Boray

SIGNED:

David P. Mute

DATE:

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