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Verification of Unusual Sight Record

Common Name: Northern Parula Warbler Scientific Name: *Parula americana*
 Date: 12/13/90 Time: 11²³ AM Length of time observed: 15 min.
 Number: 1 Age: Adult Sex: male
 Location: "Red IGUANA" 700 W. North Temple, S.L.C.

Lat/long: 5 Elevation: 4250

Distance to bird: 3 ft to 60 yds Light conditions: good

Optical equipment: binos 10x50 but observable without optical equip.

Weather: cold, cloudy

Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

Tray warbler (almost kinglet size) blue-gray upperparts with greenish triangle on mantle. White eye ring broken in front and behind. Two white wing bars on blueish wing. Eyeline through eye to lores. Throat, chin, and breast yellow with a dark band across upper breast and a chestnut colored patch below dark band. Belly and undertail coverts white. Small white tail spots on under surface of tail. Bill distinctive - dark upper mandible and yellow lower mandible. Feet dark. Bird was eating rotting apples on a tree in the parkway in front of a restaurant. A person eating in the restaurant noticed the bird outside the window 24 hrs. before being sighted.

Voice or call notes:

Broadish rich chip - different from other warblers that I'm familiar with.

Behavior:

Eating rotten apples in a tree - heavy traffic on North Temple
nor people coming and going from restaurant seemed to

Habitat:

Apple tree and Box Elder tree

Describe what specific features you saw or heard that caused you to reach your conclusion:

The bluish upperparts with greenish triangle on mantle, white eye-ring & wing bars, yellow dorsals with black and chestnut band across it and two toned bill

What similar species might it have been and how were these eliminated:

Tropical Parula - lacks eye ring and black and rust bands on breast
Nothing else comes close

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

None

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

National Geo. - description from notes

Significance of record in this area or the state:

1st Parula ever seen at the Red Squana

Additional material (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording in available):

Photo

Observer:

CRAIG L. KNEEDY

Signature:

Craig Knedy

Address:

314 S. 4500 W.
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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

Terry Saddler

Some Logan Person

Date prepared:

12/29/90 from notes taken at time of sighting

Return this form to:

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