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SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING RECORD DOCUMENTATION

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Lat/long _____ Reporter _____ Sci Name _____
 Habitat _____ Record type _____ Serial No. _____
 Date/time _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name Northern Parula Warbler
 Scientific Name Parula americana
 Sight date 12 Dec 1990 time NOON duration Approx 15 min.
 Distance from bird AS close as 20 feet
 Light conditions Good daylight.
 Optical equip. Zeiss 8x30 Binoculars
 Photo. equip. None
 Number of this species seen ONE - Male
 Notes made at time of sighting Date this report was prepared.
 Notes made later from memory
 Photo available Photo enclosed 2 Jan 1991

Weather at time of this observation.
Clear and moderate
 Prior weather & number of days since change
As I remember, immediate prior weather was mild, late autumn conditions without any abrupt fronts or changes occurring. I believe closest weather changes occurred just before Thanksgiving (approximately 20 Nov.)

Locality
736 to 754 West North Temple
 Salt Lake City, Utah

Male Adult Age unk. Basic Plumage Light Phase
 Female Subadult ♀ or Imm Breeding Dark Phase
 Sex Unk. Juv/Imm _____ year bird Eclipse Molting

Description of bird. Size, Colors, all field marks OBSERVED -Unique features of this bird, if any.

First noted bird as I was awaiting lunch in Red Iguana Restaurant. Bird flew to small deciduous tree (approximately 20 ft high) on sidewalk. First noted double wing bars and, along with the nervous, flicking head movements ^{and size}, I thought it was a Ruby-crowned Kinglet. Went to window for better view. Noted the blueish coloration of back and knew it was warbler. Watched bird through window (20 ft distance) for about 5 minutes as it flitted in branches and descended to base of tree in what appeared to be feeding behavior (insect gleaning). In ~~order~~ sequential order, I observed the following field marks: 1) double wing bars, 2) eye ring, 3) ~~blue back~~ ^{blue back}, 4) yellow back patch, 5) yellow throat, 6) orange band on upper chest, 7) eye-line. After lunch, I retrieved my binoculars and field guide (National Geographic) from car and relocated bird in juniper (?) shrubs approximately 5 ft. high at Scotty's Motel (approximately 50 ft west of original sighting). Observed bird for approximately 10 minutes as it flitted between juniper shrubs, small aspens near front of motel and large (30 ft) cottonwood at rear of motel near pool. Bird was very active and constantly searching for ^{individual} and gleaning insects (although I did not discern any insect 'hatches' or ~~other~~ flying insects). During this period of observation I was as close as about 15-20 feet, and confirmed all of the above field marks. Additionally, I note the dark 'necklace' at lower throat and white belly. By the end of my observation I was convinced bird was male northern parula.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL NOTES, LISTS OF REFERENCES, SKETCHES FROM LIFE, PHOTOGRAPHS ETC.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

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| 1) eye ring | 8) eye-line |
| 2) Blue back | 9) white belly |
| 3) double wing bars | 10) warbler breast |
| 4) yellow back patch | |
| 5) yellow throat | All field marks observed |
| 6) orange chest band | |
| 7) dark 'necklace' | |

Variations from expected field marks. - . .

None

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

First thought it could be ruby-crowned kinglet. Back coloration and throat coloration were markedly different.

Other warblers - However, all field marks were specific to Northern Parula and were noted more than once during 15 minutes of observation.

Behavior of this bird. Include names of other birds with this one and any interaction.

See description on other side of this report.

Only other birds in vicinity were a few resident House Sparrows (Passer domesticus). The northern parula was not observed in direct association with these other birds.

Habitat this location and near by or adjacent habitat if significant.

Urban - see description on other side of this report.

Jordan River is approximately 3,000 ft. west with fair to good riparian habitat with overhanging willows, Russian olives etc.

Describe birds song or sounds.

No calls, songs noted during observation

Names of other observers. A/C+phone#

No one was with me. However, the bird was reobserved the following day by a group of Salt Lake City birders including Terry (801) 966-1391 (?)

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I am by profession a wildlife biologist with approximately 15 years of experience in field observations

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