

RARE SPECIES DOCUMENTATION Records of Vermont Birds

The following form has been prepared to encourage full documentation, when requested, of rare or unseasonal birds in the state of Vermont. These reports are put into a permanent file and should be as detailed as possible. New reports are reviewed annually by the Vermont Bird Records Committee, which evaluates records for their acceptability to future researchers and for inclusion in the state bird list.

Please print or type

SPECIES: Northern Parula

NUMBER OBSERVED: 1

OBSERVER MAKING REPORT: OTHER OBSERVERS (and addresses if available) Michael Blust

LOCATION: (place, township, county) 271 York St., Poultney, VT

DATE: 12/10/15 (initial observation) and most days until 12/21/15, often several times/day

TIME AND LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 1:15pm. Observed for a total of about 1 minute in intervals. Longest interval of about 30 seconds while on suet feeder. Subsequently observed on other days, generally between 8:30am and 2:30pm

DISTANCES FROM BIRD: Maximum_70ft____ Minimum_20 ft____

WEATHER:

wind direction _____ wind speed _negligible_____

sky cover __30%_ light in relation to observer's position ___ from the left

temperature____54 degrees_____

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: (make, power, etc.)

Basch and Lomb Elite binoculars - 10x42

OBSERVER'S PREVIOUS ACQUAINTANCE WITH THIS SPECIES OR SIMILAR FORMS:

I normally see Northern Parulas a couple of times each year.

OTHER DOCUMENTATION: Photo __10__ Tape Recording _____ Specimen _____

If yes to the above, where is this information deposited?___Some on Ebird, others on my laptop. One submitted with this form.

HABITAT: (be as detailed as possible, include associated bird species)

Suet feeder in town. Associated species include downy woodpecker, black-capped chickadees, tufted titmice, white-breasted nuthatch, hairy woodpecker, house sparrows

BIRD'S BEHAVIOR: (feeding actions, manner of flight, displays or interactions, reaction to observer)

Fed from edges of cake suet (Nutty-butter) and from larger cage of beef suet.

VOCALIZATION: (song or calls)

DESCRIPTION: (Describe what you actually saw during the observation. We hope that observers will take field notes during the observation and before consulting field guides, etc. Additional pages with sketches and copies of field notes are encouraged.)

Relative size and shape: **See photos.**

Head (crown, cheeks, eye, throat, nape):

Feet and Bill (shape, color, length):

Upper back:

Lower back and rump:

Wings (shape, length, markings):

Breast, belly, flanks, undertail coverts:

Tail (shape, length, markings):

IMPORTANT: WHAT SIMILAR SPECIES WERE ELIMINATED WHEN MAKING THIS IDENTIFICATION AND HOW WAS THIS BIRD DIFFERENT?

Initial impression was a ruby-crowned kinglet, but upon using binoculars and observing the bird from other positions, the yellow on the throat with a dusky band made it obvious this was a Northern parula warbler.

COMMENTS: (was age or sex determined?, etc.)

This report was written from notes taken during X immediately after _____ the observation, or written from memory _____ (please attach copies of notes if available)

NAME (print) Michael Blust SIGNATURE (not req'd) _____

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DATE 12/31/2015

Return electronically (preferred) to: vbrc@vtcostudies.org or mail to: Vermont Bird Records Committee, Vermont Center for Ecostudies, PO Box 420, Norwich, VT 05055

