

Species: NORTHERN PARULA

Record No. 648-92-18

Location: HQ MALHEUR NWR, HARNEY CO.

Date(s): MAY 22-23, 1992

Observers	details	slides	prints	tapes
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Specimen no. & location _____

Accepted 920
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 Single rept. sighting ✓
 Multiple rept. sighting _____

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 origin questionable _____
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Disposition

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Date observer(s) notified: 8-13-93

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Malheur NWR Headquarters

About 0880 this bright sunny morning I visited the trees to the west of Malheur Headquarters where several people were watching a small dark bird foraging in the trees.

It was a female Parula Warbler discovered the day before by Craig Corder and Judy Stevens. It moved rapidly, flying to the highest trees and back down to the understory. In many respects it acted like an active kinglet. At this time I got several good, but not complete looks at the bird.

Other birders noted that the bird was much more cooperative and sluggish during the hot afternoon the day before. So later that afternoon I returned and found the bird sluggishly foraging in the understory.

At this time I had opportunities for casual studies of its complete plumage. It rarely left the deep shade so photos were not attempted. I observed the bird as close as ten feet with 8X40 Leitz binoculars.

The bird appeared to be a small very dark, rather chunky warbler. The upperparts were dark bluish-gray. There were conspicuous crescents above and below the eyes. The wings had two distinct wingbars. The upper back was broadly streaked with dull greenish-yellow. The chin, throat, breast and upper belly were bright yellow. The rest of the underparts were bright white, including the undertail coverts. Some white was noticed on the undertail.

The bird had a small 'needle' bill, dark above and pale below. The legs appeared dark. The eyes appeared black. The bird gave no song or other noise.

Tropical Parulas have no eye crescents, there are no other warbler species that show the distinctive back pattern.

Harry Nehls