

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review (to assure that all pertinent information is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: *Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler, Setophaga coronata auduboni*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): *One immature (hatch-year)*
3. Locality: Parish: *St. Martin*
Specific Locality: *Spanish Lake (St. Martin Par. side of lake)*
4. Date(s) when observed: *15 November 2020*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *0934 CST*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *none*
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): *none*
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *Superb light, mid-morning under clear sky, bird not backlit*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Swarovski 8x30 binos (good condition), Nikon AF-S 300 mm 1:4 D camera lens (good condition)*
11. Distance to bird(s): *8-10 m at closest*
12. Duration of observation: *3 min or so*
13. Habitat: *edge of bottomland hardwood/riparian forest*

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): [Foraging with mixed species flock, which included \(mostly\) Yellow-rumped \(Myrtle\) Warbler \(hereafter Myrtle Warbler\), Black-throated Green and Orange-crowned warblers, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, and other species.](#)

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen*; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species): [Warbler with uniformly pale gray head and back, whitish eye crescents, yellow throat, whitish breast and belly \(ground color\) with dark streaking on breast and sides, also with limited yellow patches in sides; two white wingbars, yellow rump.](#)

16. Voice: [Not vocal](#)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): [Bird was very similar to Myrtle Warbler in all respects, except for: 1\) yellow \(not whitish\) throat; 2\) pale throat color \(yellow in this case\) not wrapping up behind lower edge of auriculars; 3\) no hint of eyeline or supercilium, and 4\) head and back grayer than, and lacking browner tones typical of, Myrtle. I can find no evidence of introgression with Myrtle.](#)

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): [Yes, photos by Robert C. Dobbs](#)

19. Previous experience with this species: [Extensive in western U.S.](#)

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

a. at time of observation: [none](#)

b. after observation: [Dunn and Garrett \(1997\) A field guide to warblers of North America](#)

21. This description is written from: [__X__](#) notes made during the observation ([_____](#) notes attached?); [_____](#) notes made after the observation (date: [_____](#)); [_____](#) memory; [__X__](#) images taken during the observation.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: [Yes, positive.](#)

23. Date: [_23 January 2021_](#) Time: [_1100 CST_](#)

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? Yes
If yes, may we include your name with the report? Yes





