

# 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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <[zoiseaux@lusfiber.net](mailto:zoiseaux@lusfiber.net)> .

1. English and Scientific names: Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) *Setophaga coronata auduboni*

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
1 individual in basic plumage, appeared to be a HY

3. Parish: Jefferson

Specific Locality: LDWF Kayak Launch, Grand Isle

4. Date(s) when observed:

5 November 2023

5. Time(s) of day when observed:

Approx. 7:30 AM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Jack Rogers
City: Baton Rouge
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):

Eugene Huryn

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):

N/a

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Poor; backlit for most of viewing time

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Leica 10x42 binoculars

11. Distance to bird(s):

Approx. 50 feet at farthest, 20 feet at closest

12. Duration of observation:

Approx. 3 minutes

13. Habitat: Coastal shrub-scrub with Baccharis, mulberries, and wax myrtle as main vegetation

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Originally observed flying directly overhead giving chip note calls, landed in short mulberry approximately 40 feet away, about 15 feet above ground

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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*):

In flight, a clear chunky warbler, with yellow "butter butt" rump. A classic basic YRWA: fairly brown overall, with streaking on breast, dark auriculars, yellow rump, slight yellow wash to sides of breast, wings a dark grayish-black with two pale wing bars. Seen poorly and briefly with bad light, but seen well enough to note that the pale yellow throat did not wrap around dark auriculars.

16. Voice: Chip notes only. Similar to MYWA in terms of length and volume, but much higher pitched, thinner, harshed, and almost squeakier.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

MYWA eliminated through throat color and lack of auricular wrapping as well as by voice. Though I admittedly know that this does not eliminate a MYWA x AUWA, and I have very little experience with this hybrid (1 observation in a similar plumage to this bird in the lower Texas coast), I did not note any difference in color of any feathers in the throat (most photos on eBird of MYWA x AUWA in basic show a white chin with a yellow lower throat, whereas this individual's throat was uniformly colored)

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

Poor photographs by Eugene Huryn to be uploaded to eBird checklist (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S153804983>), though I am not sure if the birds face/throat are visible in the photo

19. Previous experience with this species:

The first rare bird I ever found was an Audubon's Warbler in my yard when I was 14 (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S17668679>) which represents the only spring record for SC. Have seen hundreds of this subspecies elsewhere in the western US, in a variety of ages, sexes, and plumages. As previously noted, limited experience with MYWA x AUWA.

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

a. at time of observation:

None

b. after observation:

eBird photo gallery (to review MYWA x AUWA)

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Y	notes made after the observation. At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Y	memory	
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images	

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:

Yes.

23. Date: 5 November 2023

Time: 5:40 PM

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

\_\_\_\_\_yes\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, may we include your name with the report? \_\_yes\_\_\_\_\_