



CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

Submitted as documentation of (check all that apply):

☒ Unusual Species ☐ Unusual Date ☐ Unusual Habitat

1. Count Name: Las Cruces Count Code: _____

2. Species Northern Parula Age 1st yr? Sex ♀ # 1

3. Date (s) of Observation 12/22/2012 Time 9:18 to 9:21 am
Earlier/Later dates by others, if known _____

4. Place 1/4 mi north of Guille del Norte Bridge, East bank of Rio Grande
Nearest Town Mesilla County Dona Ana

5. Observer TIM LAUTON
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6. Observation Details: Other
Observers Lauton & Harold Harrison
Optics Used Leica Scope 20-60x
Distance From Bird ~80 yards Viewing Conditions Bird in open on river bank and sparse willows
Weather, sky cover Overcast, bright; 45-50° F, calm
Photo Taken? NO Video? NO Sound Recording? NO Specimen? NO

Are these available to the CBC Regional Editor? _____ Where are they? _____

7. Past Experience: With this or similar species? I've seen them at Lasburg and many in

8. References or Advice Consulted: Sibley Western & Sibley Guide

9. Was this report done from notes made during or after observation or from memory? Notes

10. **MOST IMPORTANT:** On back of form give complete details of this observation. Use additional sheets as needed. Include information on the bird's plumage, shape, size, vocalizations, habitat, behavior, etc. Describe exactly what you saw; include photocopies of your original notes and sketches. Name the species that you considered ID contenders; explain how you eliminated them.

Signature Timothy F. Lauton Date 12/22/2012

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Small short-tailed bird moving reasonably quickly along river bank w/in 1-4 feet of small flow along east bank. We were on the west bank w/ cloudy bright conditions. Pointed bill of moderate length. Bluegray upper parts, yellow wash from throat to base breast; white belly & vent area. Two prominent short wing bars; these were very conspicuous. Did not note an eye ring or stripe, but distance probably precluded that. In company of Yellow Rumped Warblers. Tried to make it a yellowthroat but wing bars, and bright yellow breast w/ sharp boundary w/ white underparts precluded yellowthroat.