Submission Date	2013-03-14 19:57:12
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 1443 Wheaton Lane City: North Wales State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19454 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Found by Ian Baldock 1/1/13, Devich Farbotnik
Species (Common Name)	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Species (Scientific Name)	Setophaga coronata
Subspecies (if known)	auduboni
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Guessing an adult male
Observation Date and Time	01-02-2013 10:30 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	New Britain Twp.
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Peace Valley Park
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.3261424,-75.1893997
Habitat	E. Red Cedar mixed with some other pines & deciduous trees and shrubs. Due to deer destruction, die off of multiflora rose, and invasive stilt grass, there is lots of open area between trees.
Distance to bird	~30-40 feet at closest
Viewing conditions	Good
Optical equipment used	Zeiss 7x42
Description	The bright yellow rump, yellow side patches and yellow throat probably make it an adult bird, and I'm guessing

a fall adult male since it was so bright. It had well defined dark flank streaking and two wing bars. Although views were brief, my impression was that it's upper parts were a paler gray color compared to the the browner looking winter Myrtle Warbler. The picture shows some brown on the upper back as well, which is consistent with the winter adult male. There was no dark auricular area, but that seems to match the warbler guide for fall adult male. This bird was not reported earlier or entered in eBird due to the request by those who told me about it. It was felt the influx of birders during this winters feeding frenzy of listers chasing rarities would endanger sensitive species and habitats in the area. I honor those requests as compiler for Bucks but at that point agreed in principle as well. It will be entered in eBird eventually. I am submitting a photo taken by Devich. I assume Devich will document this with better pictures if he hasn't submitted them already. I last saw the bird briefly on 1/3/13, and no one reported it later to my knowledge. Maybe Devich knows more about a last date.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

Busy feeding in cedars mainly but zipping around a lot. I had one decent long view while it sat for maybe 20 seconds in a deciduous tree.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

The yellow throat eliminates the similar Myrtle W. and I don't see any reason to think it is a hybrid. To the experienced eye, there is no real similarity to other warblers or other species.

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

I couldn't hear it well, but Devich did and indicated it sounded like the Audubon's call note instead of the Mrytle type.

Are you positive of your identification? (Why or why not)

Yes. Matches field guide and pictures I seen.

**During** 

None

After

Sibley Guide, Peterson Warbler Guide, Internet pictures.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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