

## Winter Record of A Connecticut Warbler For Mississippi

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On 27 December 1993 at about 10:00 a.m., Lucy Jacobson and I observed a Connecticut Warbler (*Oporornis agilis*) in Hancock County, Mississippi. The bird was in low, thick, brushy undergrowth about 100 meters from the Pearl River. Lucy first spotted the bird and I observed it from about five meters in good light. The warbler had a full gray hood, complete eye ring, and light legs. There were no wing bars. The back, wings, and tail were dark olive; the belly and undertail coverts were solid yellow. I did notice that the undertail coverts seemed wider than is typical of other warblers.

The warbler was being harassed by White-throated Sparrows (*Zonotrichia albicollis*) and a Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*), but it remained in the area at about eye level for about ten minutes. During that time we consulted field guides and studied the bird, concluding that it was an adult male Connecticut Warbler. Tom Heatly and I returned to the area on 28 December and searched for the bird for about three hours without success.

[The Connecticut Warbler usually winters in northern South America following migration through the West Indies. Its fall migration normally takes it well east of Mississippi, but it has previously been observed on the Mississippi coast in late fall (5 November 1977, Toups and Jackson. 1987. Birds and Birding on the Mississippi Coast. Univ. Press of Mississippi, Jackson).--JAJ]