

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> .

1. English and Scientific names: MacGillivray's Warbler (*Geothlypis tolmiei*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1, male (immature/SY?)
3. Parish: Jefferson Parish
Specific Locality: City Park, Couturie Forest

4. Date(s) when observed: 16 April 2018

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 4:30pm

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Erik I. Johnson
City: Lafayette
State: LA

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Mark Meunier saw the bird about 10-20 minutes before I arrived and pointed me in the direction of the bird. It took me about 10-15 minutes to find the bird.

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Was seen by many over the previous month or so. Found by David Muth, I believe.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): In understory on a bright sunny day. Often staying in the shadows.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 10x42 EL binoculars, digi-bin with Samsung S6 smartphone

11. Distance to bird(s): 15-20 meters

12. Duration of observation: about 10 minutes, seen for some extended periods, like for several minutes on an off within the period

13. Habitat:

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

Foraging quietly in dense understory, moving from branch to branch with short hops.

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*):

Copied from my notes from that day: Gray head and throat, with a distinct break into a yellow lower breast and belly. Distinct eye arcs (broken eye ring). Throat a little paler with a blacker area just below into the chest before the break to yellow. Unmarked drab olive-yellow back and tail. Pink mandible, dark maxilla.

16. Voice: Silent/not heard

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Mourning Warbler is the closest, but discerned by bold white "eye arcs" above and below eye. Not a complete eye ring as in Connecticut Warbler, which also wouldn't have a darker blackish area toward the bottom on the hood on the chest.

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

<https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S44643521>

19. Previous experience with this species: Essentially none. I had a possible (out-of-range) brief sighting in the Corpus Christi area about 10 years earlier. It's been on my radar for a long time and have looked at a few Mourning Warblers in migration in LA and TX. Plus this bird was a stakeout, so I had studied up on the various age/sex variations in plumages of this is and similar species before and after visiting City Park that day.

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

a. at time of observation: none.

b. after observation: Sibley Guide to N.A. Birds, ed 1., Peterson Guide to Warblers (Dunn).

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	Copied from eBird (see also the link)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	10 Mar 2019
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 10 March 2019

Time: 8:35am

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

