

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Black-throated Gray Warbler *Setophaga nigrescens*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 (appears to be adult female; perhaps HY male with lightly marked throat)
3. Locality: Cameron Parish
Specific Locality: Baton Rouge Audubon Society Sanctuary, Peveto Woods
4. Date(s) when observed: September 10, 2016

5. Time(s) of day when observed: mid-morning (around 9:38, then around 12:20)

6. Reporting observer and address: Paul Conover, Lafayette, LA

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

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): overcast during first encounter due to storm cloud cover, sunny during second encounter.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10s, Nikon D3300 camera with 200 mm lens

11. Distance to bird(s): ca. 10-15 yards

12. Duration of observation: about 5 minutes of viewing

13. Habitat: Remnant chenier woodland with live oak base

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird foraging in oaks, responded to screech owl call.

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):

A black and white warbler with markings indicating “Black-throated Green” group, and with yellow spot near lores.

Upperparts mainly medium-dark gray, with two strong white wingbars formed by white tips to blackish median and greater coverts, blackish flight feathers. Head with bold pattern formed by black auriculars, broad white supercilia, and broad crown and nape continuous with and matching mantle in color. Small but conspicuous yellow spot on or near lores.

Underparts whitish with broad but patchy dark necklace, broad dark flank streaking.

Tail with at least three outermost pairs of rects mostly white, but with some blackish on outer webs, center of tail dark.

Bill and legs dark, eye dark.

16. Voice: n/a

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

Closest possibilities Carolina Chickadee, Black-and-white Warbler, spring male Blackpoll Warbler, perhaps Cerulean or Black-throated Blue Warbler. None show more than a superficial resemblance to this bird, and none show a yellow loreal spot.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): a few poor but sufficient photos.

19. Previous experience with this species: Some in Louisiana and out west.

20. This description is written from mental notes and comparisons during observation, study of photos.

21. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes.

22. Date: 9/10/2016















