

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): One, in HY female plumage.
3. Locality: Cameron Parish
Specific Locality: Johnsons Bayou area
4. Date(s) when observed: 12 November 2023

5. Time(s) of day when observed: about 3:30 (time stamp an hour off due to recent time change and a few minutes off due to keeping poor time) to about 3:45.

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): heavy overcast; light didn't interfere with observation; only photography

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex 12s, Nikon D3500 with 200 mm lens

11. Distance to bird(s): ca. 10 feet at minimum

12. Duration of observation: about 15 minutes of viewing, off and on, as it ducked in and out of sight

13. Habitat: acacia and Baccharis scrub

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird loosely foraging with gnatcatchers, kinglets, etc.

15. Description:
Gray, black, and white warbler with yellow lore spot.

Dark gray auricular separated on head from dark gray crown by yellow loreal spot and broad white supercilium. Auriculars and crown stripe joined gray of nape/mantle, isolating supercilium as long white blaze, narrowest in front.

Gray above with two white wingbars. Area between wingbars (greater coverts) darker than rest of wing and mantle. Tertiaries edged white. Folded tail above same dark gray as greater secondary coverts, below white with dark sides. Open tail with outer three rectrices white with dark outer webs.

White below with sparse dark streaks on flanks.

Bill black, legs blackish, eyes dark brown.

16. Voice: n/a

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

No close species of confusion. Yellow loreal spot on black and white bird distinctive among warblers.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Yes, out west, plus some in Louisiana.

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: 12 November 2023







