

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Setophaga nigricans*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One (1) adult by black throat feathering. I think it was a male but with the foggy conditions I can't be 100% sure.
3. Parish:
Plaquemines
4. Specific Locality:
Port Sulphur, (29.4767457, -89.6925481)
5. Date(s) when observed: 27 January 2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: Just after 10am
7. Reporting observer: Nick Ramsey
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Lucas Rot, Kraig Oramous, Ravynn Garcia, Libby Brennan
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
Raining lightly and quite foggy, so bird observed in flat but slightly hazy light
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex 8x42 binoculars, Canon EOS R5 camera with 100-500mm lens
12. Distance to bird(s): 35 feet
13. Duration of observation: 30 seconds
14. Habitat: Live Oaks and adjacent Chinese Tallow
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was moving with a mixed flock containing the standard winter Louisiana species. It was

about 30-40 feet up in a tall oak for the duration of the observation. I called the bird out, got everyone on it, and got pictures but it was not long before the bird disappeared. Despite playback to see the bird better, it never came back.

16. 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 small warbler with gray mantle, dark flank streaking, dark auriculars, throat, and crown, small yellow spot in lores, white underparts, malar, and supercilium.

17. Voice: Not heard

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

No similar species with yellow lores and facial pattern

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

Photos attached

20. Previous experience with this species: Extensive experience from working in Western US, also seen previously in Louisiana and southern Texas as recently as this month

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

Not used

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

28 January 2024

25. 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

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes

