

## LBRC 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 immature
3. Parish:  
Cameron
4. Specific Locality:  
LA-82 x Mermentau River Rd, Grand Chenier
5. Date(s) when observed: 11/2/24
6. Time(s) of day when observed: around 1pm
7. Reporting observer: Esme Rosen
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
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): fairly good, though bird often in shade of oaks
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): maybe 100ft? I dunno I'm not good at assessing distances
13. Duration of observation: 30 seconds
14. Habitat: Remnant coastal chenier - bird seen foraging in a mixed flock at the top of live oaks
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Very actively moving through the tops of the trees, and difficult to track due to the wind. After the bird flew to a different tree I was unable to relocate it, largely due to the wind

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):

Immature with mostly whitish throat and just the beginnings of a dark throat band on the side. Black cap and cheek, white supercillium, and bold white malar stripe that bled into white throat. Small yellow spot above lores. White below with white vent and belly, with flanks and part of chest having dark thick streaks, as if drawn by a crayon. Gray above - I only noticed one bold white wing bar, but there might have been two, with no streaking on the back (edit to add two wing bars are clearly visible in one of the photos). Tail grayish. Also appeared notably smaller than the Myrtle Warbler, similar in size to the Tennessee.

17. Voice: Making a fairly low pitched chip note, but still higher than the Myrtle Warbler that was nearby. It was hard to accurately assess the quality of the chip due to the wind, passing traffic, and someone blasting Cajun music by the river

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

No particularly similar species when the face pattern is seen well. Black and White Warbler would have a streaked back and a different face pattern, in particular lacking the yellow spot above the lores. Yellow-throated Warbler would have a yellow throat in any plumage, besides the other differences in the face pattern. Myrtle Warbler is larger, with a different face pattern, a duller grey coloration etc.

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

two rather poor but diagnostic photos attached

20. Previous experience with this species: I've seen the species dozens of times in the west, including multiple earlier this year

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

none used

22. Identification aids used when?

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

yes

24. Date report completed:

11/3/24

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

