

# 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](mailto: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 immature

3. Parish:

Plaquemines

4. Specific Locality:

Fort Jackson Woods

5. Date(s) when observed:

12/6/2022

6. Time(s) of day when observed:

9am

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):  
side lit, but fairly good

11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Zeiss Binoculars, 8x power

12. Distance to bird(s):

10ft

13. Duration of observation:

5min

14. Habitat:

scrubby forest edge

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

Responded aggressively to mob tape, coming in quite close and chipping constantly. Moved around constantly, and after a little while it vanished back into the undergrowth, never to be seen again.

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):

Fairly large short tailed (i.e. long UTCs) warbler with grey head and breast, whitish-gray throat, and bold arcs above and below the eye that did not connect on either side. Yellow belly, greenish on flanks and back, pink legs. Lores dark, pale base of bill.

17. Voice:

Repeated sharp tsip notes

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

Eye ring shape, lack of yellow in throat both point against Mourning or Connecticut. Sharp calls also diagnostic for MacGillivray's. Separated from any other warblers by structure, especially long UTCs, among other plumage traits.

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

photos and audio attached by Esme Rosen

20. Previous experience with this species:

extensive experience in Nevada and California with MacGillivray's, and good amount of experience with Mourning and Connecticut in the upper Midwest

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

referred to National Geographic Guide while submitting this report, in an effort to try and determine the sex of the bird (this was inconclusive)

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting

After observation

None used

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

8/26/23

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



