

LBRC Report Form

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 adult male
3. Parish:
Cameron Parish
4. Specific Locality:
Peveto Woods
5. Date(s) when observed: April 21, 2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:30 pm
7. Reporting observer: James Smithers
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
None
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
None
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bird was in complete shade and flew out into open light briefly
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Leica Trinovid 8 x 42 Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 5 ft
13. Duration of observation: 1 minute
14. Habitat: Undergrowth of oak grove in coastal chenier
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was aggressively chipping from the ground level and moving throughout undergrowth; eventually the bird flushed and flew about 3 ft and dropped back into the understory

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):

Complete views of the bird were only obtained when it flushed out of the understory revealing a chunky; long tailed warbler with a green back and heavy contrasting gray head; while moving around in the understory I would get split second glimpses of the bird; though very dark views I could see that the bird had eye arcs consistent with what I've observed previously with an adult male MGWA

17. Voice: Incessant harsh chip notes; almost wet sounding;

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Mourning Warbler eliminated by both bold eye arcs; and date. April 21 would be exceptionally early for this species. Common Yellowthroat eliminated by gray hooded appearance and vocalizations were not consistent with COYE

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
None

20. Previous experience with this species: Many observations of the presumed same individual over the last 3 winters. Also encountered this bird just 2 weeks before this observation where I heard and photographed it

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

22. Identification aids used when?
None used

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

24. Date report completed:
April 21, 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