

# 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: Black-throated Gray Warbler *Setophaga nigrescens* .
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 in definitive basic plumage.

3. Louisiana - Parish: Orleans Parish.

Specific Locality: New Orleans City Park, Roosevelt Mall. Coordinates: (29.9914, -90.1019).

4. Date(s) when observed: 12/06/2015.

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:45

6. Reporting observer and address:

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7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Stephen M Locke.

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Joan Garvey

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Clear skies with dappled light filtered through Live Oak branches and foliage, light coming from the east.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski EL Swarovision 10x42 binocular [2 years old, excellent condition].
11. Distance to bird(s): 25 feet.
12. Duration of observation: about 1 minute, 30 seconds.
13. Habitat: Extensive and expansive Live Oak [*Quercus virginiana*] shaded public park.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The warbler was actively feeding among the remaining leaves of a large oak that was not a Live Oak along with several Carolina Chickadees, a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, and a Ruby-crowned Kinglet. A Blue-headed Vireo was close by. Because the Black-throated Gray Warbler was moving about so much amid a flock of other small, active birds, it was difficult to keep in view.
15. 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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*): A medium-sized or average-sized warbler with pointed, warbler-type bill. Black and white head with an unstreaked gray back and wings, which showed a faint whitish wingbar. Throat black with slight black streaking on sides of white breast. Discovered the previous day by Mark Meunier and by Joan Garvey. Photographed by Jody Shugart.
16. Voice: Not heard or not noticed.
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): The bird was essentially gray, black, and white, somewhat like a Black-and-white Warbler. It showed no extensive yellow coloration that is seen on a number of other warbler species. Unlike a Black-and-white Warbler, it fed among clusters of dying leaves rather than creeping along the branches.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): None.
19. Previous experience with this species: I have seen a few over the years, mostly in the southwestern states of Texas [El Paso], Arizona [Madera Canyon], New Mexico [Gila National Forest], and in the Mexican state of San Luis Potosí. In Louisiana, twice previously - once in New Orleans and once near Triumph in Plaquemines Parish.
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

National Geographic *Field Guide to the Birds of North America*  
*The Sibley Guide to Birds*  
*Peterson Field Guide to Birds of North America*

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	no
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

Notes were recorded on a Sony recorder during the observation and erased after an eBird checklist was prepared. This report was prepared using the eBird checklist. The above mentioned references were consulted both before seeking the warbler and afterwards.

22. Are you positive of your identification? Yes.

23. Date: 12/22/2015

Time: 07:20.

This report was initiated immediately after the sighting and completed over the following two weeks.

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? Yes.

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