

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 as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: Black-throated Gray Warbler <i>Setophaga nigrescens</i>
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 adult male
3. Locality: LOUISIANA Parish: Orleans Specific locality: Roosevelt Mall, City Park, New Orleans, about halfway between Marconi and the museum.
4. Date(s) when observed: 1/6/2015
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:15-10:45AM (about)
6. Reporting observer and address: Tom Trenchard, 104 Penn Mill Lakes Blvd, Covington, LA 70435-0573; email: trench19@hotmail.com
7. <u>Other observers</u> accompanying reporter who also <i>identified</i> the bird(s): Joan Garvey (photos), Renee Sawyer, Glenn Ousset, et al.
8. <u>Other observers who independently identified</u> the bird(s): Numerous other observers this day and other dates.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Partly cloudy with lots of good sunlight. Bird was in and out of shadows (oak trees) and good lighting.
10. Optics: Tom - 10x42 Bushnell binocs; Joan - Canon EOS-7D camera with powerful zoom lens; binocs of other observers not noted.
11. Distance to bird(s): as close as 20' away; about 10-20' up.
12. Duration of observation: on and off for about 30 minutes.
13. Habitat: Oak Trees in park.
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Flying, perching, foraging, and associating with loose flock of other passerines.
15. Description (include only what was actually seen, <i>not what "should" have been seen</i> ; 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): About 5" warbler, with gray back and rump, black and white face pattern with small yellow lores, black streaking on flanks, otherwise white below; black throat; gray or dark wings with white wingbars; small dark warbler-type bill; tail fan-shaped and dark above with white corners, white below.
16. Voice: single chip, not too sharp, but not too soft either. Noticeably different from nearby Yellow-rumped Warbler and Orange-crowned Warbler.
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Somewhat reminiscent of a Black-and-white Warbler, but behavior totally different, and gray back lacking on B&W. Since B&W frequently acts like a nuthatch, that behavior was lacking in this bird.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos provided taken by Joan Garvey.
19. Previous experience with this species: Previously seen by Joan & Glenn; lifer for Tom & Renee.
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
a. at time of observation: Sibley's field guides, National Geographic field guide, iBird app (iPod/iPad).
b. after observation: Sibley's field guides, National Geographic field guide, iBird app (iPod/iPad), online.
21. This description is written from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made during the observation (<input type="checkbox"/> notes attached?) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made after the observation (date: <u>unk</u>); <input type="checkbox"/> memory.
22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: 100% certain of ID.
23. Signature of reporter: <i>Tom Trenchard</i> Tom Trenchard Date/Time: 2/4/2015 9:45PM
24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, may we include your name with the report? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No