

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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 male; it was perhaps a first winter male in 2014-2015; now may have a more extensive and unicolored black-throat. All of my photos show a male but one could believe that in 2015 two different birds were involved, since in some photos posted by others the throat appears white. See discussion: <http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S21192884>

3. Locality: Parish: Orleans

Specific Locality: City Park, New Orleans, Roosevelt Mall.

4. Date(s) when observed: 12-26-14; 01-04-15; 01-24-15; and (presumably same bird) 02-27-16.

5. Time(s) of day when observed: x

6. Reporting observer and address: David P. Muth, 2765 Orchid St., New Orleans, LA 70119.

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s): On 1-24-15 I was with Phillip Wallace and an LOS field trip.

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): numerous reports to Ebird and LABIRD.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Various—but always in dark live oak canopy and never cooperative

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Eagle Optics Platinum 10x42

11. Distance to bird(s): within 15 feet occasionally.

12. Duration of observation: Brief looks over extended periods, usually stalking with camera.

13. Habitat: Live oaks in manicured area of park

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Moving in mixed species flock, foraging

in live oaks (mostly). Flock loosely has included RBWO, DOWO, EAPH, RCKI, BGGN, CACH, OCWA, YRWA, YTWA, BTNW, PRAW.

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):

A black, white and gray warbler—only color yellow in loreal spot. Gray above with two white wing bars, black cap with wide white supercilium; black on lower throat (at least). White below with black streaks down sides.

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1 Black-throated Gray Warbler

Male. Photos. In mixed flock in live oaks. E Roosevelt Mall. Gray and white warbler with black head markings, throat patch. Yellow loreal spot. Flat chip.



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<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S21536806>

<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S27851260>



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16. Voice: flat chip note.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Combination of white, black and gray with yellow lore rules out all other NA warblers.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: fairly extensive.

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: x; studying photos yes

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (xx eBird notes attached); _____ notes made after the observation (date: _____); xx examination of photos, xx memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: yes

23. Date: 3-06-16

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