

# 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  
Based on the (limited) amount of black in the throat, this is probably a female although I am not sure an immature male is ruled out.
3. Parish: Orleans Parish  
Specific Locality: City Park--Wisner Tract (Old East Golf Course)  
google map coordinates: 29.997809, -90.088692 and later at 29.998457, -90.088023
4. Date(s) when observed: February 13, 2020
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 2:45pm
6. Reporting observer and address: James F. Holmes (Jim), 4109 U Street, Sacramento, CA 95817
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Mark Courtney
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): This was a stakeout and seen by many prior and after. Not sure of the original finder.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): overcast, average viewing conditions. Weather conditions: 57F, cloudy, N 11MPH
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 10x40 (good condition)

11. Distance to bird(s): 30-50 feet

12. Duration of observation: did not document time but initially seen and photographed and then lost in the flock only to find it again about 20 minutes later

13. Habitat: overgrown golf course

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

Feeding in a mixed flock that included a Pine Warbler, 2 Orange-crowned Warblers and some Myrtle Warblers. Flying/hopping from branch to branch. Never seen to creep along a branch like a Black-and-white Warbler.

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*):

Obvious warbler with an overall black and gray coloration. Black cap and cheek with white above (supercilium) and below the black cheek. yellow lores. White chin and upper throat. Lower portion of the throat black that extended across the entire lower throat area. White chest and belly with several rows of dark gray/black streaking along flanks. Back and wings grayish with two white wing bars. Undertail white. Legs dark.

16. Voice: heard twice to give a harsh chip note

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation: Black and white Warbler eliminated by completely dark cap, gray back without any white streaks, yellow lores and behavior.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Diagnostic photos obtained and submitted and can also be found in the eBird list:

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S64429509>

19. Previous experience with this species: I regularly see this species near where I live as it is a regular migrant/breeder in northern California (for example, I saw 8 individuals in the fall of 2019, including one in my yard).

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: none

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	See eBird
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	2/14/2020
<input type="checkbox"/>	Memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

See eBird list: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S64429509>

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

23. Date: June 25, 2020, 3:00pm (Pacific)

24. 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

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









