

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, Setophaga nigrescens*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): *One female*
3. Locality: Parish: *Cameron*
Specific Locality: *Oak Grove Sanctuary*
4. Date(s) when observed: *30 October 2022*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *1035-1045 CDT*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *Paul Conover, Andre Moncrieff, Kathy Rhodes, and others on the Coastal Cameron field trip for Yellow Rails and Rice Festival*
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): *Bird was discovered by Jack Rogers, and seen by others in his group, ca. 15 min prior to our group racing over to see it*
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *bright ambient light due to sunny mid-morning sky, but generally saw bird in deep shade of oak foliage*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Swarovski 8x30 binos (good condition), Nikon AF-S 300 mm 1:4 D camera lens (good condition)*
11. Distance to bird(s): *20-ish m*

12. Duration of observation: 5 min

13. Habitat: canopy of live oak tree at border of chenier forest remnant

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): I saw bird off-and-on over course of 5-10 min, during short bouts when it was active and foraging, and allowing views (others in party perhaps saw bird over 15-20 min, but I spent time on other side of tree trying to get a different angle and/or refind bird). The bird stayed high in the canopy of a tall live oak, often concealed by vegetation, where behavior was generally difficult to observe; certainly the bird was preening for part of the time, and inconspicuous for most of the time we were present.

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): "Dendroica" type warbler, immaculate white below, except for broken black necklace across upper breast and smudgy blackish streaking on sides, contrasting with dark gray upperparts; two white wingbars; head with distinctive pattern of white supercilium, malar area, chin and throat, contrasting with dark gray mask and crown; yellow loreal spot present.

16. Voice: Not vocal

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Black-and-white Warbler superficially similar, simply due to black and white plumage, but easily eliminated by plumage pattern details and behavior

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): Photos, attached, by Robert C. Dobbs. Additional, better photographs by others in party, available on eBird, e.g., <https://ebird.org/checklist/S121708260>

19. Previous experience with this species: Plenty, western U.S.

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

a. at time of observation: None

b. after observation: Dunn and Garrett Warbler guide

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (_____ notes attached?); _____ notes made after the observation (date: _____); _____ memory; ___Y___ images taken during the observation.

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

23. Date: 20 Nov 2022 Time: 1045 CST

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



