

# 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 adult female plumage

3. Parish: Cameron

Specific Locality: Oak Grove

4. Date(s) when observed: 30 October 2022

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 10:25 AM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

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| Reporting observer: Jack Rogers |
| City: Baton Rouge               |
| State: Louisiana                |

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Nick Ramsey, Matthew Janson, Eugene Huryn, Paul Conover, Mac Myers, and several others (did not get names)

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): N/A

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Well lit from front

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x42 Binoculars

11. Distance to bird(s): Estimate 25-50 feet

12. Duration of observation: 15-20 minutes

13. Habitat: Mature live oak with ragweed understory. Very close to coast

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Observed flying and feeding on some sort of insects underneath Live Oak leaves

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*): Fat bodied warbler with chickadee-like head. White throat but with black collar and black streaking on sides against white belly. Black back with 2 white wing bars, and distinctive yellow lore. Eliminated Black-and-White, Blackpoll warbler with yellow spot on lore and behavior (sitting on branches unlike BAWW would, i.e not creeping on trunk).

16. Voice: Only one-two chip/contact notes heard, somewhat similar to Yellow-rumped Warbler but slightly different quality to sound

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Black-and-White Warbler, Carolina Chickadee, Blackpoll Warbler. All birds eliminated with distinct yellow lore.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photographs obtained by Eugene Huryn. I usually photograph most rare birds I encounter but my camera was broken during this trip

19. Previous experience with this species: 3 observations, all on breeding grounds. 2 instances in Arizona and 1 in Washington.

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

a. at time of observation:n/a

b. after observation: Sibley

21. This description is written from:

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | notes made during the observation. | Are notes attached? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | notes made after the observation.  | At what date?       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | memory                             |                     |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | study of images                    |                     |                          |

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

Yes

23. Date: 30 Oct 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

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 \_\_\_\_\_