

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> .

1. English and Scientific names: **Black-throated Gray Warbler** (*Serpophaga nigrescens*)

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One female

3. Parish: **Plaquemines**

Specific Locality: **Morel's Woods**

4. Date(s) when observed: **24 February 2024**

5. Time(s) of day when observed: **11:30-11:45am**

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Dan Lane
City: Baton Rouge
State: Louisiana

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Cameron Rutt, David Muth.**

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): **Several had seen this bird in December 2023-March 2024**

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Inside canopy, but light relatively good.**

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Zeiss 10x40 binocular**

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

12. Duration of observation: **<1 min**

13. Habitat: Live oak dominated woodland with other deciduous trees mixed in.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Briefly approaching in response to scold tape by the ditch along the road, but quickly moved on to the east deeper into the woodland. Cameron Rutt refound the bird deeper in, and he and I got one more view before it escaped detection again. Was foraging on distal branches of the live oaks and other trees, no creeping along branches. Flighty.

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*): compact wood-warbler with white underparts with black flank streaks. White wingbars. Black-and white face pattern with black cheek, white supercilium, white malar with black whisker border, white throat.

16. Voice: a think “p’tic” similar but lower to that of Black-throated Green Warbler (which we also detected here).

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Black-and-white (also seen here) has distinctive creeping behavior, different body shape, only a male BAWW would have a black cheek, but would not have a black whisker and white throat, also would have black based undertail coverts (this birds’ were all white). Different call note. Other warblers would have some yellow on face or breast.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photos by Cameron Rutt on eBird list: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162901436>

19. Previous experience with this species: Extensive in Colorado, Texas, Arizona, Mexico, and at least a couple previous Louisiana records.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): None.

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

<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 March 2024**

Time: **8:15pm**

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** _____