

# 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: MacGillivray's Warbler (*Geothlypis tolmiei*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

1 Male type individual in adult plumage

3. Parish: Cameron Parish  
Specific Locality: Peveto Woods
4. Date(s) when observed: October 16, 2022

5. Time(s) of day when observed: Around 8:30AM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: James Smithers
City: Lake Charles
State: Louisiana

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):

I was alone during this observation

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

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

First observed in very dark lighting with brief glimpses of bird, but later observed in 60% lighting in understory of oak cathedral

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

Binoculars: Leica Trinovid 8 x 42

Camera: Fuji X-T4 with 100-400mm Lens

11. Distance to bird(s):

15 ft

12. Duration of observation:

Total of 10 minutes; first detected by chip notes and had multiple encounters with this bird during my 3 hour 15 minute trip

13. Habitat:

Coastal Chenier; dense understory of oak cathedral

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

The bird was moving low through dense shrubs aggressively giving harsh chip notes; making itself visible for seconds at a time

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*):

Slaty gray hooded Geothlypis with BOLD white eye arcs and dark "mask", gray throated and bright yellow under belly and under tail; greenish color above

16. Voice:

Bird was aggressively giving harsh; wet chip notes

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Mourning Warbler; separated by the bold; distinct eye arcs; longer tailed than MOWA; lower pitched chip notes than MOWA, but very hard for me to tell the difference

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

Photos by myself will be attached

19. Previous experience with this species:

Observed this species on 3 separate occasions in April of 2022

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

a. at time of observation: None

b. after observation: double checked my photos and compared to photos on Merlin app

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	8/16/22
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: 4/21/2023

Time: 9:07PM

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 \_\_\_\_\_

