

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

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1. English and Scientific names: MacGillivray's Warbler
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 adult male
3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Peveto Woods BRAS
4. Date(s) when observed: 22 Oct 2022
5. Time(s) of day when observed: midday

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Paul Conover
City: Lafayette
State: LA

8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): James Smithers reported and photographed probably the same bird on 16 Oct. Others reported a Mourning Warbler based on call earlier in the month that may have also been this bird.

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

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10s, Nikon d3500 with 200 mm lens

11. Distance to bird(s): Flushed from about 5 feet, viewed as close as 10 feet.

12. Duration of observation: seen in brief snippets over a period of perhaps 10 minutes.

13. Habitat: Dense underbrush of remnant chenier woods.

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

Bird was feeding low in underbrush as I rounded a curve at a very slow pace, and I think we surprised one another. The bird flew into an overgrown tangle of fallen branches and I snapped a couple of photos. The opportunity was perfect, but the execution suffered from camera settings tuned to the sunlight I had just frequented. I lost the bird and searched around for it. I saw movement about 15 feet up in a live oak and scanned to find a Wilson's Warbler, and then saw a MacGillivray's foraging with it. I was unable to get good photos I think, although I'll look again in my images for a bird hidden among the foliage.

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*):

A methodical hopping warbler with green back, vivid yellow underparts, and a dark bluish-gray (it appeared) hood with distinct, white eye crescents.

16. Voice: Others have reported vocals, but I didn't hear any. I also turned on the Merlin sound app to record, but it didn't report any warblers.

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

Hopped rather than walked, had distinct eye crescents extending in about 90 degree arcs above and below eye. The crescents were not the extensive eyerings sometimes seen in MOWA, which are typically thinner and longer, divided by the eyeline.

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

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen out west as recently as summer 2022.

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

23. Date: 4 Nov 2022
Time:







