

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: MacGillivray's Warbler, *Geothlypis tolmiei*

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

One adult male

3. Parish: Cameron

Specific Locality: Peveto Woods

4. Date(s) when observed: 14-16 April 2023

5. Time(s) of day when observed: ca. 0745, 1300, 1215, 0825

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: James W. Beck
City: Marrero
State: Louisiana

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

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): many since originally discovered in October (?) 2022. Dan Lane, many others.

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Light was always a challenging factor with this bird, due to its skulking behavior but on three occasions, the bird actually came out in the open sun within the dense vegetation, allowing great, albeit brief looks.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex Diamondbacks 8x42 – relatively new

11. Distance to bird(s): ca. 10-20 feet, varying

12. Duration of observation: longest period of continuous observation was ca. 3-4 minutes

13. Habitat: dense understory in coastal chenier

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): bird was surprisingly quite vocal while foraging in the undergrowth. Bird spent most of its time well-hidden in tangles, but also came in to drink from one of the water features in the sanctuary.

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*):
Bright yellow-colored underparts and undertail coverts with pinkish legs. Wings and back green with no wingbars. Dark gray hood with black dipping into upper breast and darker face with bold white arcs above eyes. Horn-colored bill.

16. Voice: A loud, hard "CHIK!" chip, often given

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Mourning Warbler, *Geothlypis philadelphia* lacks bold white arcs in adults and has a distinctly different chip note. Nashville Warbler, *Leiothlypis ruficapilla* has bold white eyering, not arcs, yellow throat, darker legs and distinctly different chip note.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): unfortunately not

19. Previous experience with this species: A couple of previous Louisiana records

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

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: xeno-canto, Sibley

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"/>
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☐ study of images

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

23. Date: 17 April 2023

Time: 0945

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_____