

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):

1 in adult male plumage

3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Peveto Woods

4. Date(s) when observed:
18 March 2023

5. Time(s) of day when observed:
10:30 AM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Jack Rogers
City: Baton Rouge
State: LA

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

Nick Ramsey, James Smithers

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

Many birders throughout the winter

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

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

Leica 10x42 binoculars

11. Distance to bird(s):

Approximately 10 feet at nearest

12. Duration of observation:

Seen several times extremely briefly (no longer than 5 seconds a piece) throughout morning at Peveto

13. Habitat: Deciduous chenier understory/thickets

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

Giving chip note calls repeatedly, moving throughout Peveto (i.e near parking area, near pond, near trail that goes to beach). Always in thick vegetation, never seen for an extended period of time nor photographed (audio of chip notes was recorded). Not responsive at all to playback or mob tapes. Did not seem to be associating in any mixed flocks.

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*):

In flight: silhouette appearance of large headed, short tailed passerine that gave “top heavy” appearance.

Sitting: Gray-headed *Geothlypis*-type warbler with yellow underneath, greenish-yellow on top, black bib; white eye arcs

16. Voice: Chip calls

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

Mourning Warbler: eliminated via presence of white eye arcs (can probably also be eliminated by vocal recordings, but I cannot hear a difference between the two chip calls)

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

Poor recordings via iPhone obtained by myself (may required headphones to hear) attached as m4a file

19. Previous experience with this species:

Once in Louisiana, about 2 dozen observations in breeding range

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

a. at time of observation: n/a

b. after observation: n/a

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: 21 March 2023

Time: 12:20 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 _____