

Records Committee, Iowa Ornithologists' Union

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Black-throated Gray Warbler  
10 May 1997  
near Cedar Bluff, Cedar Co., IA  
\*James Huntington  
IBL 67:91, 68:86

Record Number: 97-14  
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

James Huntington, 1012 N. Summit #5, Iowa City [\*10/1/97]

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 67:91  
Records Committee: IBL 68:86

VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D, female.

A-D, Yellow loreal spot clinches ID.

A-D, Plumage details seen well enough to ignore leg color  
comparison with Blackpoll.

A-D, Description is that of a female Black-throated Gray  
Warbler.

A-D, Good description of key features by experienced observer.

DOCUMENTATION FORM  
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

97-14

What species? Green-throated Warbler How many? 1

Location? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Habitat? Open woods near field & sedge meadow

When? date(s): 5/10/97 time: 9:30 to 9:45

Who? your name and address: James Huntington 1012 N Summit #5 B.C

Others with you: Carl Thompson, John Cordell

Others before or after you: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Small active passerine foraging mid-height small trees

Top of head slate grey, ~~stripes~~ black to grayish streaks on flanks and throat, denser under throat.

Obvious white eye-line, <sup>thick</sup> black eye patch, white on lower cheek, obvious bright yellow loreal spot.

Bill small & black, back dark grey, wings dark grey with two white wing bars.

Similar species; how eliminated:

Blackpoll -

This bird was first called a Blackpoll, but then <sup>discrepancies</sup> were noted. Color of top of head was gray not black, white above and below black on cheek, Blackpoll has <sup>no loreal spot,</sup>

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? No  
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.

Light - good, subdued to sunny in open woods  
7x35 Leicas, 30-35' (guessed)

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Seen many times in normal range

References and persons consulted before writing description:

N.G. Field Guide

How long before field notes made? \_\_\_\_\_ this form completed? 8 hrs

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).