

Black-throated Gray Warbler
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Sioux City, Woodbury Co., IA
William Youngworth
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Record Number: 81-DE
Classification: A-D

REFERENCE

Youngworth, W. 1961. Black-throated Gray Warbler at Sioux City. IBL 31:69.

VOTE (1981): 5-III, 1-IV, 1-VI

III, poor description, highly competent observer, accidental in east.

VI, few details; description as given does not rule out golden-winged warbler (*V. chrysoptera*).

IV, 2 observers, 1 occasion. Description is very skimpy 'distinctive head marking'? 'grey back'?

III, Well described. Rather distinctive bird if seen adequately.

REVOTE (at meeting, 1 May 1981): 6-III, 1-IV

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Black-throated Gray Warbler at Sioux City. On May 18, 1961, Mr. Robert Nickolson of Sioux City called me to report a warbler concentration in Graceland Cemetery, so the following morning I drove out to the area. During the course of the morning I listed sixteen different kinds of warblers including one Black-throated Gray Warbler. I had just been watching some Black-and-white Warblers and some Blackpoll Warblers, when the above warbler came into view. The first thing I noticed was the black chin and throat and later the distinctive head markings and the gray back. The presence of the two above mentioned warblers made it much easier to decide what I was looking at.

This warbler is apparently a common transient in extreme western Kansas according to Harrison B. Tordoff, **Checklist of the Birds of Kansas**, 1956. A record a bit closer to Iowa was made by Dr. John D. Donahoe at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on May 22, 1948. Dr. Donahoe with Charles S. Hills watched a Black-throated Gray Warbler on the banks of the Big Sioux River for about fifteen minutes. See **South Dakota Bird Notes**, Volume 1, No. 2, page 35. Maybe birdwatchers in the Missouri River valley are passing up records of the Black-throated Gray Warbler by not scrutinizing every black and white looking warbler during the spring migration.—WM. YOUNG-WORTH, 3119 - Second Street, Sioux City, Iowa.