

VOTING SUMMARY

WEST VIRGINIA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Number: WVBRC 2024-8

Species: Black-throated Gray Warbler - Grant Co.

Reasons voting FOR the record: *(attach more pages if necessary)*

CM1 – Experienced observer provided photograph highlighting distinguishing characteristics.

CM2 – Excellent documentation of a bird with an established pattern of vagrancy to the East. Well photographed and shows no signs of hybridization. Only wish it had hung around longer for more people to see!

CM3 – This record is supported by clear photographic evidence that the observed species is a Black-throated Gray Warbler. The field marks that identify this species (e.g. gray back and wings, white wing bars, broad white supercilium, dark streaking from breast along flanks and yellow subloral spot) are clearly seen in the photo provided. The black cap, face and throat suggests that the bird is an adult male.

CM4 – Images and description are accurate for this species. Cool sighting.

CM5 – Bird seen by a birder who has extensive experience with this species and is an eBird reviewer for this portion of West Virginia. The habitat is appropriate, the description is accurate, and as stated by the observer, the yellow spot under the lores is diagnostic of the male of this species, and a unique field mark. There is a clear picture of this included in the observation and another witness as well. This species has been increasingly spotted in the east as its pattern of vagrancy has increased.

CM6 – Nice photo and very distinctive facial pattern confirms the ID.

CM7 – Clear and precise photo added to report by observer displays field marks to correctly identify this species. Face pattern along with the yellow eye spot notable in photo. Observer's previous experience with this species. Observed by two experienced birders. Excellent photo taken for documentation!