



Black-throated Gray Warbler

Date bird first indentified - 10/20/2009

Time - 4:00 p.m.

Where - Big Spring Road, along the Big Spring Creek, just south of Newville,
Cumberland County

Weather - Clear

Narrative -

I located a Black-throated Gray Warbler in a mixed flock of Chickadees, Titmice and Yellow-rumped Warblers along the Big Spring just south of Newville at about 4:00 p.m. My immediate thought when I saw it is that it was a late in the season Black-and-White Warbler. I noticed however that it's crown was black with no white streaks and that it had a black throat. I then noticed that the black streaking while extending down the flanks did not extend down on the belly. I also noted that the bird had white wing bars. Then I saw the yellow lores and knew I didn't know what this bird was. It certainly was not a Black-and-white Warbler. After jotting down these notes I turned to the Sibley guide I had with me. When I saw the picture of the Black-throated Gray Warbler I knew I had my bird. While I observed it for approximately 10 minutes the flock was foraging near me it stayed down low, never more that 8 feet or so high, apparently gleaning leaves for insects. It came within 5 feet of me while I was pishing.

The bird was relocated the next morning (10/21) by a group that included Chuck Chalfant, Aden Troyer, Chad Kauffman, Andrew Markel, Ramsay Koury, Dan Snell, Drew Webber, Peter Robinson and myself. Through 10/25 I would estimate that a total of 70 people saw the bird. As of this date 10/30, the bird was last reported seen on 10/25.

Vern Gauthier

Newville, Cumberland County

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Black-throated Gray Warbler *Dendroica nigrescens*

Date of Sighting: 20 October 2009 to 25 October 2009

County : CUMBERLAND

Location : NEWVILLE

Observer(s): Vern Gauthier and m.obs

Date of Submission: 2009

Submitted by: Vern Gauthier and Andy Markel

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

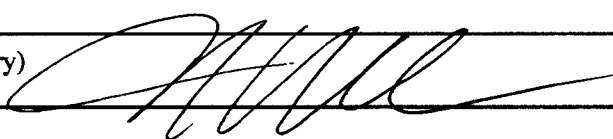
Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
R. W. Itant	X							
A. Guarente	X							
T. Johnson	X							
B. Coulter	X							
C. Rutt	X							
J. Heller	X							
G. Malosh	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments:

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Signature (Secretary)



Date:

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