

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	1375 Raubsville Road Easton Pennsylvania 18042 United States
Names of additional observers	Jason Horn
Species (Common Name)	Black-throated gray warblerG
Species (Scientific Name)	Setophaga nigrescens
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	female, probable first winter
Observation Date and Time	01-09-2020 11:20 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	Northampton
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Easton, Williams Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	1375 Raubsville Road
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.61807 X -75.230734.16
Habitat	Field with cultivated areas and 15 year old juniper (cedar) trees.
Distance to bird	15-20 feet
Viewing conditions	Sunny, cold
Optical equipment used	Swarovski Elite 10 X 42
Description	Constantly flitting and feeding black and white colored warbler with yellow spot in front of its eyes, white outer tail feathers, broad white supercilium, dark line through cheek below the supercilium, gray back and head, dark marks near edge of white throat, and dark streaking down its sides.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

Feeding on small green grubs or caterpillars on the cedar branches, almost constantly moving.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Only other warb it could be confused with is a black-and-white. But that bird has a white line through its head, it doesn't have yellow eye spots, its face is pale, not obviously marked with dark line below supercilium, and it usually doesn't feed frantically like this one was doing. At times the black-throated gray almost seemed to be flycatching within the trees.

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

It moved around from one cedar to another for about an hour but then disappeared. It was the first cold day in a while.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

yes - I just am and also Jason Horn took diagnostic photos

After

Crossley, Sibley, Natl Geographic, Pererson's warbler guide

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings



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