



Figure 1. Male Black-throated Gray Warbler at Fire Island, New York, 14 September 1992. Photograph by Jack Carlson.

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On the morning of 14 Sep 1992, a Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Dendroica nigrescens*) was discovered feeding in a Red Cedar just off the boardwalk leading to the lighthouse on Fire Island in Suffolk County, Long Island. The stunted growth of the barrier beach and the bird's proximity made for excellent viewing as it flew from cedar to cedar while feeding. It was readily identified as a male Black-throated Gray Warbler by its distinct black and white facial pattern, black throat and bib. Its yellow lores were also noted. Its sides were streaked with black. After John Fritz, with whom I was birding, and I ran through its field marks, we signaled Manny Levine and Jack Carlson to abandon the Fire Island Hawk Watch, which they were manning at the time, and join us to share our good fortune and excitement. It was then that Jack Carlson took the accompanying photograph, for which I thank him. The bird was observed for approximately half an hour, before it disappeared. To my knowledge nobody reported the bird subsequently.

This is apparently the tenth report for New York State and the third for Long Island within one year. Bull (1974) lists six sight records occurring in 1930, 1961, 1962 (2), 1963 and 1970. There was a hiatus until 1985, when one was seen in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, from 27 to 29 Sep (DiCostanzo 1985). The next report was on 13 Oct 1991 at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Reserve (Schiff and Wollin 1992a), followed by a sighting on the Queens County Christmas Bird Count, 14 Dec 1991 (Schiff and Wollin 1992b). [Editor's Note: the 1985 report noted above was reviewed by the New York State Avian Records Committee but was not accepted (*Kingbird* 37:204; 1987). The 1991 record has been accepted (*Kingbird* 43:22; 1993) in a report that appeared after this manuscript was submitted. None of the more recent records as yet have been reviewed by that body.]

According to the A.O.U. (1983:612), the breeding range of the Black-throated Gray Warbler is North America generally west of the 105th meridian, from southern California to southwestern British Columbia. It migrates regularly as far east as Kansas, and winters from southern California and southern Arizona south to Oaxaca and Vera Cruz in Mexico. P.O. Box 655, Central Islip, New York 11772

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