

**IORC EVALUATION FORM**

**Record #:** 2019-003

**Name of bird form:** Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

**Committee member name:** Fraker

**Date of review:** 3/31/19

**Circulation number:** 1st

**Vote:** A-S

**Comments:**

## IORC EVALUATION FORM

**Record #:** 2019-003

**Name of bird form:** Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

**Committee member name:** Davida Kalina

**Date of review:** 14 April 2019

**Circulation number:** 1st

**Vote:** A-S(1)

**Comments:**

The submitter's written descriptions of size, plumage coloration (including white eyering and white outer rectrices), shapes of tail and bill, posture, and foraging behavior are all consistent with Blue-gray Gnatcatcher and together adequately rule out similar species (except perhaps Black-capped Gnatcatcher with its more-graduated rectrices, but which occurs in far-southern AZ and would be highly unlikely anywhere else in the US). Although the sighting might be considered somewhat early for Massac County and other areas in far southern IL, Keith McMullen reported 42 BGGN even earlier in the season the year before on 30 April 2018 at Fort Massac Park in Massac County, less than 20 miles SE of Mermet Lake. I vote to accept the record.

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**Name of bird form:** Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

**Committee member name:** Walter Marcisz

**Date of review:** 4-7-19

**Circulation number:** 1st

**Vote:** A-S (1)

**Comments:**

Description of the bird and observer experience seem very solid to me, and based on ebird bar charts this is not an extraordinarily unusual spring arrival date for Massac County. I vote to accept.

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**Name of bird form:** Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

**Committee member name:** Adam Sell

**Date of review:** 4/27/19

**Circulation number:** 1st

**Vote:** A-S (1)

**Comments:**

## **IORC EVALUATION FORM**

**Record #:** 2019-003

**Name of bird form:** Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

**Committee member name:** Douglas Stotz

**Date of review:** 6 June 2019

**Circulation number:** 1st

**Vote:** A-S(1)

**Comments:**

## **IORC EVALUATION FORM**

**Record #:** 2019-003

**Name of bird form:** Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

**Committee member name:** Paul Sweet

**Date of review:** 6/22/19

**Circulation number:** 1st

**Vote:** A-S(1)

**Comments:** The observer took the time to rule out Black-tailed Gnatcatcher. He didn't consider California or Black-capped Gnatcatcher, and the description doesn't actually rule out Black-capped, but I'm not worried about either possibility.

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**Name of bird form:** Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

**Committee member name:** Geoffrey A. Williamson

**Date of review:** 27 March 2019

**Circulation number:** 1st

**Vote:** A-S(1)

**Comments:**