

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 2005 Field Notebook 10-13: Neil Gilbert

Neil Gilbert  
Date 5/27/04 Time 11:15 am Weather cloudy, breezy, ~50°F

Eastern Bluebird (EABL)  
*Sialia sialis*

Location My yard in Beverly Hills, Oakland County MI

↳ nests in tree cavities  
↳ in bird nest-boxes

sketched in field & filled in from memory

appears slightly "hunched" while sitting

♀ more gray on back

Song a cheerful

once was much less common

I'd never seen and EABL in my yard before so I was very excited when a ♂ started defending a nestbox in my yard.

Neil Gilbert  
Date 9/26/04 Time 6:15 pm Weather clear, 68°F

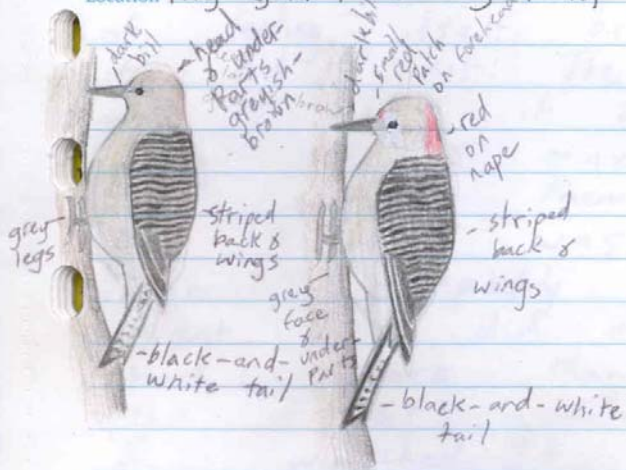
Black-throated Green Warbler (BTGW) *Dendroica virens*

Location yellow fall - olive ear patch - olive back & crown - 2 broad, whitish wing bars

Very slim

On 9/26/04 I spotted a BTGW (probably a first fall male) foraging ~15 ft. high in a silver maple. It gleaned prey from branches & leaves. Occasionally it would hover at the end of a twig. It worked its way to ~50 ft in the maple, & then dropped to ~10 feet. The whole time I watched it, it was very vocal, making "cree" calls. When it flew it made a buzzy, "zip!"

Neil Gilbert Red-bellied Woodpecker (RBWO)  
 Date 9/2/04 Time 4:20 p.m. Weather clear, calm, 72°  
 Location My yard in Beverly Hills, MI



On 9/2/04 ~ 4:20 p.m. I observed two RBWOs in a large, dead maple. One was an adult ♀, and the other was a juvenile. The ♀ was foraging on a large limb ~ 40 feet high. The juvenile followed, begging. The begging was a hoarse, "wheeez, chick chick!" The juvenile was capable

**RBWO Contin-**  
 Date Time Weather  
 Location  
 of feeding itself, but it did not. The adult feed it once during the 15 minutes I watched them. The adult was also completely silent. It did not move more than ten feet while I watched. It pecked the bark and probed for insects.

My Backyard

WOODS - RBWO tree WOODS

\* path  
 I observed the RBWOs from here