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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

Red 12/28/00 upl

(2 photos)

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Blue-headed Vireo | Vireo solitarius
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 28 September 2000Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: AdultLocality: Nee Noshe Res. "Lower Grove" Elevation: 3700'Nearest town: Eads or Wiley County: KiowaTime(s) observed: 3:30 - 4 PMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 30 minutes

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

none

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

none

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 8x42 B&L Elite binocularDistance, and how measured: as close as 8-10'If photographed, type of equipment and film: Takima 100-300 telephoto on MinoltaWho else photographed the bird?

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

Foraging in pines, hawthorn, other trees.
Saw it catch & eat two unidentified caterpillars.

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observe in the field:

Large vireo @ thick vireo bill. Head bright steel gray.
Bold white eye-ring broken in front. Throat white.
Breast gray. Venter yellow. Undertail coverts white.
Flanks yellow-green. Wings & back green-gray.
Wingbars strongly white, fairly narrow. Strong
contrast between throat & gray head. Strong contrast
between gray head & greenish back. Bill & legs gray.
Eye large & black.

Description (continued):

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

Silent

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

Artificial tree grove (mostly honey locust) abutting cottonwood - R. olive trees around reservoir edge.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Too much yellow & green for Plumbeous.
Too much head / throat contrast & head / back contrast for Cassin's, plus extensive yellow on flanks / vent.
Wing bars, white separated it from Black-capped (even though I was sure of this).

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

Blue-headed in CO: 7-8 (4 others this fall) in CO
Plumbeous (several dozen)
Cassin's: ~ 10 in CO

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation:

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This report was written from reports made during X, after observation X from memory

Date and time report was written: _____

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