

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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

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CBRC FILE #: 2004-56

RESULTS: Accepted

Species: (Common Name) Blue-headed Vireo

(Scientific Name) Vireo solitarius

Date(s) of occurrence: October 19, 2004, and early morning of 20th

Number of birds seen: 1

Sex:

Plumage:

Exact location: 24247 Hwy 287 Backyard of farm house

County: Prowers County

Nearest town: 7 miles from the center of
Lamar

Elevation: 3800 feet

Length of observation: off and on for most of day

Time(s) of observation: between 7:30 am and 5:30 pm on the
19th and around 8:00 am on the 20th

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: none

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): none

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: good daylight

Optical equipment used: 10x50mm field binoculars / Olympus optical zoom 8X automatic digital camera

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 10' to 15'

Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? Yes

If so, are you submitting photos? Yes
Photos can be seen on website

Who took the photograph(s)? Jane Stulp

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Large back yard / locust, hawthorn, elm, crabapple, apple trees / Kentucky blue grass / potted flowering plants, some native wild flowers and herbs / native rock in landscape, small home made pond

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: flit from tree to tree if I got too close, seem to feed on insects in the tree

DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report.

Bright white "spectacles", dark bluish gray head in contrast with white throat and breast, yellowish flanks, greenish back, dark wings similar to head color, 2 white wing bars (edges of median and greater coverts)

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted:

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: I posted the picture on my website and had others look to confirm

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? None

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley's Guide to Birds, and Sibley's Guide to Bird Life and Behavior

This report was made from (check one) ☒ notes made during observation ☐ notes made after observation ☐ later from memory. And from photos taken

Date and time of written report: October 20, 2004

Reporting observer: Jane Stulp

Signature:

Reporting observer's address: 24247 Hwy 287

City: Lamar

State: CO

Zip: 81052

Send report to:
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