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## Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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

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Each table cell will automatically enlarge as you type!

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## RESULTS:

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| Species: (Common Name) <u>Blue-headed Vireo</u>  |   | (Scientific Name) <u>Vireo solitarius</u> |  |
| Date(s) of occurrence: <u>10-25-2004</u>   |   |   |  |
| Number of birds seen: <u>1</u>   | Sex: <u>?</u>                                 | Plumage: <u>Adult</u>                     |  |
| Exact location: <u>Green horn creek Diversion Gate</u>   |   |   |  |
| County: <u>Pueblo</u>  | Nearest town: <u>Colorado City</u>            | Elevation: <u>6000 feet</u>               |  |
| Length of observation: <u>5 minutes</u>  | Time(s) of observation: <u>10:45-10:50 AM</u> |   |  |
| Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: <u>None</u>  |   |   |  |
| Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): <u>None</u>   |   |   |  |
| Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: <u>Good- Bird west of observer</u>  |   |   |  |
| Optical equipment used: <u>10x40 Zeiss Binocular</u>   |   |   |  |
| Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): <u>10 yards</u>   |   |   |  |
| Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? <u>No</u>   |   | If so, are you submitting photos?         |  |
| Who took the photograph(s)?  |   |   |  |
| Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: <u>Dense Riparian Habitat</u>  |   |   |  |
| Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: <u>Bird Foraged slowly in small-20' height- narrowleaf cottonwood</u>   |   |   |  |
| 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. <u>See Reverse side</u> |   |   |  |
| Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: <u>None heard</u>   |   |   |  |
| SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: <u>See Reverse Side</u>   |   |   |  |
| What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? <u>See Reverse side</u>   |   |   |  |
| List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):  |   |   |  |
| This report was made from (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> notes made during observation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made after observation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> later from memory.   |   |   |  |
| Date and time of written report: <u>7 AM 11-8-04</u>   |   |   |  |
| Reporting observer: <u>David Silverman</u>   |   | Signature: <u>David A. Silverman</u>      |  |
| Reporting observer's address: <u>PO Box 362</u>  |   |   |  |
| City: <u>RYE</u>   | State: <u>CO</u>                              | Zip: <u>81069</u>                         |  |

Send report to:

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Description: This bird was about the size of yellow-rumped warblers. It was greenish above and whitish below with contrasting blue-gray head and bright yellow flanks.

Clearly demarcated white spectacles surrounded eye and extended to dark bill, heavier & thicker than warbler with a slight hook at tip. There was a dark line thru lores.

Blue gray on head extended into auriculars which made a sharp contrast with white throat. Bright yellow flanks also sharply contrasted with white belly & breast. Undertail coverts were white.

Wings were slate gray becoming more yellowish-green towards the secondaries. There were two bold yellowish-white wing bars on each wing. Tail was dark gray becoming more yellowish-green towards base.

Legs were dark.

Similar Species: Cassin's Vireos can sometimes have grayish heads but there is less contrast between auriculars and throat. The gray gradually melts into whitish throat. In Blue-headed there is a sharp line contrasting gray auriculars and throat. There is also less contrast between nape & back in Cassin's compared with sharper contrast of gray nape & green back in Blue-headed. Finally, the yellow flanks of Cassin's again are more subdued than the bright yellow flanks contrasting sharply with white underparts in Blue-headed Vireo.

I have seen many Blue-headed & Cassin's Vireos.

Sources: Sibley 2000 Guide to Birds confirmed observation of Blue-headed Vireo, after observation.