

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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

Each table cell will automatically enlarge as you type!

CBRC FILE #:

RESULTS:

Species: (Common Name) Blue-headed Vireo

(Scientific Name) Vireo sloitarus

Date(s) of occurrence: 6 SEP2004

Number of birds seen: 1

Sex: u

Plumage: U

Exact location: Barr Lake State Park

County: Adams

Nearest town: Brighton

Elevation: 5200

Length of observation: A few brief calls not sure I ever saw this bird

Time(s) of observation: 12:30

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

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s):

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

Optical equipment used: 8X binoculars

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 5-15 meters

Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? no

If so, are you submitting photos? no

Who took the photograph(s)?

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Lakeshore riparian cottonwoods and willows

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: This bird was in the company of several kinglets and a few warblers and chickadees

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. I saw the bird very well for several minutes at close range this allowed good studies of the birds plumage. I noted the head except the throat was a very dark slaty blue. The bill was heavy and black and the bird had white eye-rings connected to white lores, which gave it a spectacled look. The white throat was sharply demarcated from the dark gray head. The birds back and wings were olive with 2 whitish wing bars. The flanks and sides were bright lemony yellow. The birds breast, belly and vent were white with the following exception. There was a yellowish wash around the base of the legs and in the vent area. The legs were blue-gray.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: none

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: The large amount of bright yellow and olive upperparts eliminates Plumbeous Vireo. The contrast from the gray head to the olive back, the bright yellow sides and vent area and the well-marked white throat eliminate Cassin's Vireo

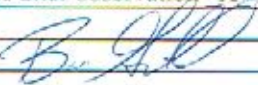
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I am very familiar with this species as well as Plumbeous and Cassin's Vireos

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) ☐ notes made during observation ☐ notes made after observation ☒ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: 19 November 2004

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