

Species: PHILADELPHIN VIREO Vireo philadelphicus
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): September 14, 1971 Time Bird Seen: mid-morning to _____
Locality: Cherry Creek at Los Verdes Golf Course
Nearest Town: Denver County: Arapahoe

Other observers who independently identified this bird:
NAME ADDRESS TELEPHONE

None

Optical Equipment: 10 X 50 Binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used: _____

Light Conditions: sun shining on the bird from behind observer

Distance from bird (how measured): minimum estimated distance of 30 feet

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: Adult (presumably)

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

A typical vireo, feeding leisurely in cottonwood.

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

A small passerine, typically vireo-like in size and shape. The bill was relatively thick, typically vireo. Crown, nape, back, wings, rump and tail were brownish or grayish-olive, with no streaks, wingbars or other markings. The bird had a moderately conspicuous pale yellowish superciliary line. Lores black. Throat and breast pale yellow, fading to white on the belly and undertail coverts.

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

None heard.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Cottonwood-willow growth between suburban golf course and creek bottom.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Red-eyed Vireo: has no yellow on underparts, has a gray cap

Warbling Vireo: generally has much less yellow, especially on throat and breast.

Lores are white or pale, not black as in this bird.

Tennessee Warbler (Immature): more warbler-like in behavior (more active), with much thinner bill. Lores generally not as dark. Immature typically have a single, pale wingbar.

Orange-crowned Warbler: more active feeder, thinner bill. Generally has some obscure breast streaks. Undertail coverts yellow. Duller in appearance.

One was feeding in same tree as the vireo and was directly compared.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

No prior experience with Philadelphia. Had seen Red-eyed and Warbling Vireo and Orange-crowned and Tennessee Warblers before.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

Peterson and Robbins consulted, confirmed the identification.

This report was written from notes made during _____ after X observation; from memory _____

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