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Species: PHILADELPHIA
(Vernacular name)VIREOVIREO PHILADELPHICUS
(Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students--those studying occurrences 50 years from now--must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Date (s): MAY 23 1983 Time Bird Seen: _____ to _____Locality: JUMBO RES, SEDGEWICK COUNTY COLORADO

Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: BUCKHALL "SPORTSMAN" 4x40 BINOCULARS

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: _____ Plumage: BREEDING PLUMAGELight conditions: BERD WAS IN SHADE OF FOLAGE OF TREEDistance from bird, and how measured: ABOUT 10' COMPARED WITH RED-EYED VIREOS

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

THE BIRD STAYED BETWEEN 5 + 10 FT. UP IN AN ELM TREE. IT STAYED WITH TWO OTHER VIREOS (RED EYED) IT FLOTTED ABOUT IN TREE CATCHING INSECTS

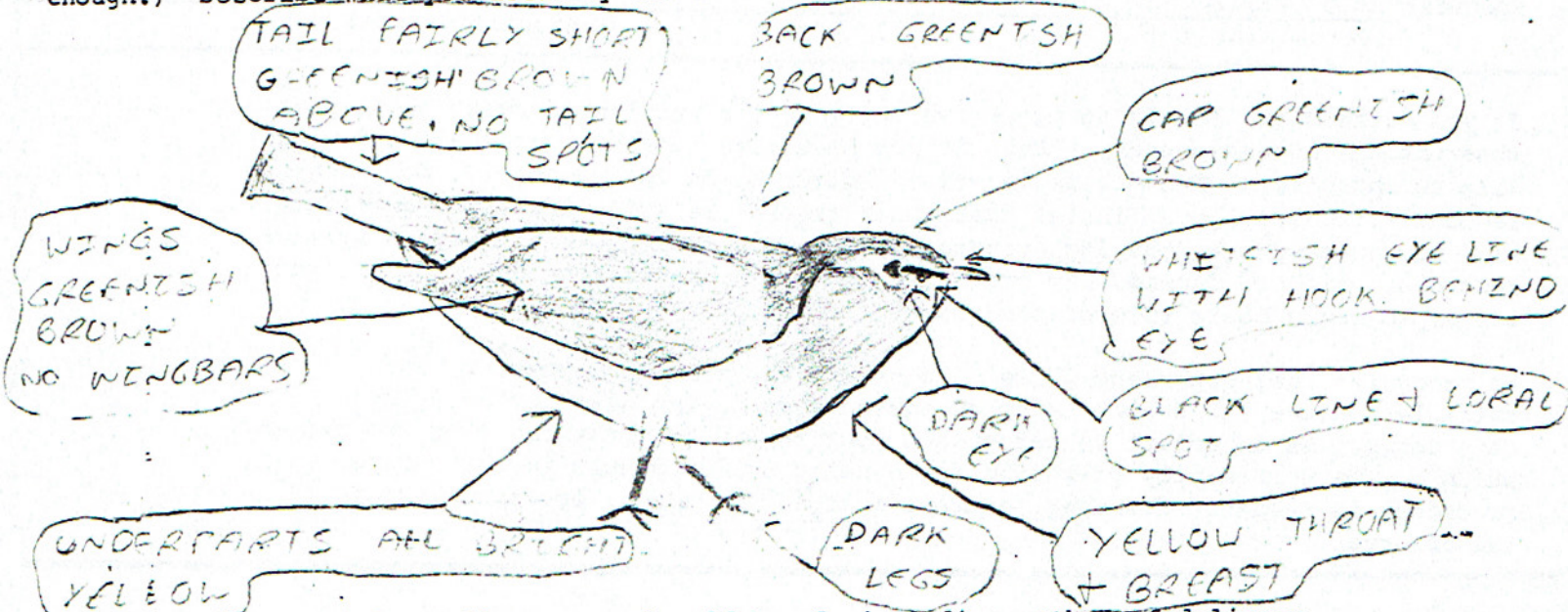
Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

GROVE OF ELM TREES + COTTONWOODS AT RECREATION GROUNDS BY EDGE OF RESERVIOR

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

Inez ^{Prather} observed but briefly (as another similar bird) Identified it as a Philadelphia Vireo but did not see enough of bird to clinch identification

Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough.) Describe what you actually saw in the field.



Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery--
i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

TOO YELLOW UNDERNEATH FOR A TENNESSEE WARBLER
NO WHITE SPOT ON WING LIKE ♀ BLACK THROATED BLUE
TOO YELLOW UNDERNEATH FOR WARBLING VIREO.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

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

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