

Colorado Field Ornithologists - Sight Record Form

- New State Record - X - Rare bird in CO

Philadelphia Vireo
(Species)

Vireo philadelphicus
(Scientific name)

Date(s):

June 3, 1993 7:20-7:25 AM 5 minutes

Locality:

Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County, Colorado
Springs, Colorado.

Nearest town, county and state)

Optical equipment:

10X40 Bausch & Lomb Custom Binoculars

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used:

Not photographed

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: unknown Plumage: adult

Light Conditions:

excellent

Distance from bird and how measured:

7 feet

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

The bird was seen low in cottonwoods in a seep area in Area 4. A female Black-throated Gray Warbler was seen in the area as well.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

Cottonwoods along Fountain Creek in a seep.

Other observers who independently identified the bird
(Please list names and address):

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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. The field
marks used to identify the bird. Include Size, overall

shape, plumage, and color pattern; details on shape of bill, wings, and tail.:

I identified the bird by it's vireo shape, thick bill, dark eyeline, and white eyeline. Also by it's yellow and white front. The bill was dark, small, and thick. The eye was seen at close view it had dark with light around the pupils. The head was gray, with a white eyeline over the dark eye stripe which went through the eye, also a light cheek patches. The nape was gray, darker then forehead. The back was dark olive green. The wings were also in green tones. The tail also was greenish dark. The throat was light. The breast and flanks were yellow, the belly was white however not all yell or not all white. The legs seemed black. The bird was about 5 1/4 inches in length. The wings were typical vireo shaped. The tail was typical vireo shaped.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds if heard:
Not sounds heard.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:
Warbling Vireo: By no yellow underparts and dark eye stripe going through the eye on the Philadelphia Vireo.
Tennessee Warbler: As white undertail coverts and by warbler bill and not vireo bill.

Prior experience with this and similar species:
This is my first Philadelphia Vireo
I've seen many Warbling Vireos in CO & AZ.
I've seen one Tennessee Warbler in CO.

Field Guides used to determine sighting:
National Geographic Society Birds of North America

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

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