

From: GreatGrayOwl@aol.com
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2003 5:58 PM
To: lsemo@swca.com
Subject: PHVI - RO

2002-125

Subj: Phil Vireo Date: 5/27/2002 4:24:37 AM Pacific Daylight Time From: nmo@worldnet.att.net (Nancy Olson) To: GreatGrayO@aol.com (Tony Luekering)

Tony

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form (This is a two-page report. Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.) Each table cell will automatically enlarge as you type!
 CFO-RC FILE X:

RESULTS:

Species:(Common Name) Philadelphia Vireo (Scientific Name) Vireo philadelphicus

Date(s) of occurrence: May 19 2002

Number of birds seen: one Sex: Plumage: Dull Adult basic

Exact location: SW corner of Crow Valley Campground

County: Weld Nearest town: Briggsdale Elevation: 4840'

Length of observation: ~ 4 minutes Time(s) of observation: 8:30 am

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Joe Fontaine, Jim Norton, others

Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s):

Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position: Sunny.

Winds light, variable. Bird perch at eye level to the south of the observers.

Optical equipment used: Ziess 10x40

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): ~ 50'

Was bird(s) photographed? no If so, have you submitted photos?

Who took the photographs?

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred:

Riparian area the middle of the Pawnee National Grasslands.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the Species or in supporting the identification): The bird flew to an eyelevel branch of an elm tree in the SW corner of CVCG and began to preen. It then began to forage in the same tree, flew to another tree and then we lost sight of the bird.

Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report.

Include the overall size and shape and how you placed the bird in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird(s). Describe other important details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches or copy field notes):

At first look I thought this was just another Warbling Vireo, but it didn't look right. The bird was short tailed looking and appeared to be without neck (RC Kinglet like). The crown was gray, darker than the pale gray nape and back. The wings were unbanded and about the same color as the back with the primaries beening a touch darker. The tail was the color of the back. The head had a pale white supercillium, a dark eye with a faint dark eye stripe in front and behind the eye. The eye stripe did not reach the bill. The bill was vireo like, dark on top and light below. The throat and breast were a very pale yellow, as were the under tail coverts. The belly was off

white.

Describe bird's call or song: none heard

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: The plain wings eliminates most vireos, the face pattern eliminates Gray Vireo. The supercillium lacked a distinct black border, along with a pale gray back eliminates Red-eyed Vireo. The problematic remaining bird was Warbling vireo. I felt this was a P. Vireo because of the following: Yellow in the throat, dark feathers in front of the eye and the jiz (short-tailed and the lack of a neck look to the bird).

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen some in Minnesota (spring) and only fall juvs in Colorado.

List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley Guide to Birds.

This report is from notes made during or after observation or later x from memory

Date of written report: May 26, 2002

Reporting observer: Signature: Ric Olson 9450 N. Heather Dr. Castle Rock 80104 303-790-7753

Reporting Observer's Address:

City: State: Zip:

Send report to: Colorado Birds Record Committee

----- Headers -----

Return-Path: <nmo@worldnet.att.net>

Received: from rly-st05.mail.aol.com (rly-st05.mail.aol.com [172.31.34.4]) by air-xb02.mail.aol.com (v86.11) with ESMTP id MAILINXB21-0527072437; Mon, 27 May 2002 07:24:37 -0400

Received: from rly-xg05.mx.aol.com (rly-xg05.mail.aol.com [172.20.115.202])

by rly-st05.mail.aol.com (8.8.8/8.8.8/AOL-5.0.0)

with ESMTP id HAA07386 for <greatgrayo@aol.com>;

Mon, 27 May 2002 07:22:20 -0400 (EDT)

Received: from mtiwmhc21.worldnet.att.net (mtiwmhc21.worldnet.att.net [204.127.131.46]) by rly-xg05.mx.aol.com (v86.11) with ESMTP id MAILRELAYINXG510-0527072149; Mon, 27 May 2002 07:21:49 -0400

Received: from cwt0311 ([12.86.5.134]) by mtiwmhc21.worldnet.att.net (InterMail vM.4.01.03.27 201-229-121-127-20010626) with SMTP id <20020527112211.JVSM19182.mtiwmhc21.worldnet.att.net@cwt0311> for <GreatGrayO@aol.com>; Mon, 27 May 2002 11:22:11 +0000

Message-ID: <000201c20571\$13400040\$8605560c@cwt0311>

From: "Nancy Olson" <nmo@worldnet.att.net>

To: "Tony Luekering" <GreatGrayO@aol.com>

Subject: Phil Vireo

Date: Sun, 26 May 2002 20:37:56 -0600

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"