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JR 6/30/74

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species: White-eyed Vireo Vireo griseus 2. Number: _____
3. Location: Two Buttes Dam
4. Date(s): 10 May 1974 5. Time bird seen: 0830 to 0830
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):
white-eye seen clearly. Yellow flanks - rest of underparts whitish. Vireo bill.
Double white wing bar very clear. Very yellow lores and forehead.
7. Description of voice, if heard: silent
8. Description of behavior:
feeding in undergrowth - slow, deliberate movements
9. Habitat--general: wooded hillside
specific: chokecherry and other shrubs + low trees
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8, explain:
was in company of 1-3 Bell's vireos which were singing. Contrast was clear.
white iris separates bird from any other species
11. Distance (how measured?): estimated 10-20 yards 12. Optical equipment: 7x35 binocs
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
sky clear, sun to back quarter, bird in sun on occasion
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
I have seen bird in Indiana, Illinois, [x once in Colo]
15. Other observers:
Doug Stutz, Hugh Kingery, Dave McCargo, Uring Cannon
16. Did the others agree with your identification?
yes
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
Notes taken in field

Paul R. Juhn
Signature

Address: 1264 Chinook WayDate: 13 May 74City, State: Boulder, Colo

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White-eyed Vireo 1 bird
Location: Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County, Colorado

Date: May 10, 1974 8:30 a.m.

Description, from notes made in field:

Vireo by size, and heavy bill, long but not thick like a finch. The bird had yellow lores which went from bill to eye and then diffused ~~around~~ the eye; I don't think it really had an eye ring. The pupil of the eye was black, the iris white. It had 2 white wing bars, gray breast, definite yellow sides. The center of the belly was white. It had a greenish gray back and rump.

Voice not heard.

It fed very deliberately in a chokecherry thicket. It really did not move much, so that we could approach very closely and even observe field marks with naked eye. It was unafraid, did not flutter away at our frantic attempts to obtain good looks at it.

Habitat--chokecherry thicket with ? trees in canyon below Two Buttes Reservoir.

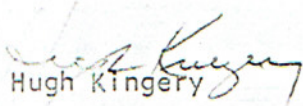
Similar species: Vireo bill made it a vireo, not a warbler or kinglet (which are usually smaller), as did the deliberate feeding action. The yellow lores, yellow sides with white belly, lack of eye ring, and wing bars are diagnostic, eliminating all other vireos.

Good light, 7 x35 binoculars at 20-10 feet, down to point where binoculars would not focus.

We knew the bird was rare because of the last flap in the Records Committee over Paul Julian's bird a year or two ago.

Other observers: Paul Julian, Doug Stotz (who first observed and identified the bird), Dave McCargo, Urling Cannon. All identified it.

Birds of North America used.


Hugh Kingery

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Prepared 5/13/74 from notes made in field.

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

File No. N-51-38

1. Species: White-eyed Vireo (Vernacular Name) Vireo griseus (Scientific Name) 2. Number: 1
Accepted JK 6/30/74
3. Location: 1 mile east of Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County
4. Date(s): May 10, 1974 5. Time bird seen: 8:25 to 8:45
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
The bird was approximately the same size as a Bell's Vireo although appeared slightly larger. The bill was thicker than that of a warbler. It had a green back, with slightly darker wings. The wings showed two strong white wing-bars. The eye was definitely and obviously white. The spectacles were a strong yellow. The undersides were white except on the flanks which were bright yellow.
7. Description of voice, if heard: none
8. Description of behavior: the vireo behaved very tamely; it remained in the open throughout the period unlike the Bell's Vireos in the area. It moved about much slower, more slowly than a warbler.
9. Habitat- General: deciduous riparian
Specific: chokecherry hillside
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain: The Bell's Vireo is the only similar species. It was eliminated on direct comparison with the white-eyed Vireo because the bird had two strong white wing-bars, yellow spectacles, an obvious white eye and stronger yellow on the flanks than the Bell's Vireo in the area.
11. Distance (how measured?) 5-15 feet estimated
12. Optical Equipment: 7x35 Tasco binoculars
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
sky-clear; light on bird - good, sun directly behind observer in relation to the bird
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: Have observed White-eyed Vireo on numerous occasions in Kentucky & Indiana and in Texas and Florida on a couple of occasions. I have observed Bell's Vireo on several occasions. Four were present with the White-eyed Vireo.
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? I knew that there were no records for the state that had been accepted.
16. Other observers: Paul Julian, Hugh Kinyery, Dave McCargo, Urling Cannon
17. Did others agree with your identification? Yes
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: None
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence your documentation: Birds of North America, Robbins, et al. It did not affect the identification but was used only for confirmation.
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

Signature

Date Prepared: 5/16/74

Street Address: Rt. 2 Box 274-M

City and State: Evergreen, Colorado

Prepared from notes made during the observation

(USE THE REVERSE SIDE, OR ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY)

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VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: WHITE EYED VIREO | 2. Number: 7
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: TWO BUTTES RD, BOCA CO.
4. Date(s): 5/10/74 5. Time bird seen: 8:30 AM to _____
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
yellow line from beak to eyes
white iris
yellow down sides of breast
white breast faintly streaked
7. Description of voice, if heard:
8. Description of behavior:
9. Habitat--general:
specific:
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
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11. Distance (how measured?):
12. Optical equipment:
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
16. Other observers: EV
17. Did others agree with your identification?
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation:
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:
Uriling Cannon Street Address: 526 Detroit St.
Signature
Date Prepared: 5/13/74 City and State: Denver, Colo. 80206

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