

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD REPORT  
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CFO-ORC FILE # 51-74-103

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Species: WHITE-EYED VIREO

Vireo griseus

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): September 21, 1974 Time Bird Seen: 11:15 AM to 11:30 AM

Locality: Waterton, about one-half mile upstream from the bridge

Nearest Town: Denver County: Jefferson

Other observers who identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Optical Equipment: 10 X 50 binoculars

Light Conditions: overcast

Distance from Bird (how measured): a minimum estimated distance of 40 feet

Number of Birds Seen: one Sex: unknown Plumage: adult

Overall Appearance and Size: a vireo with greenish upperparts, yellowish sides, white underparts, wingbars and yellow spectacles.

Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field):

Bill (shape and color): moderate in length, thick, black

Legs (shape and color): not observed

Crown and Forehead: olive

Eye (color): white

Nape: olive

Face: olive, yellow spectacle Throat: white

Breast and Sides: breast white, sides yellow

Belly and Flanks: belly white, flanks yellow

Undertail Coverts: white

Back: olive, no streaks or other markings

Wings: olive-brown, with 2 yellowish wingbars

Underwings: not seen

Rump: olive

Uppertail Coverts: olive

Upper Side of Tail: olive-brown

Under Side of Tail: not seen

Shape of Tail: moderate in length and width, appeared either square, rounded or possibly

Voice: No calls, song heard slightly notched, but I am not sure.

Behavior: observed feeding and hopping around in cottonwoods, not moving in as quick or excited a fashion as nearby warblers; observed from 20-40 feet off the ground

Habitat: cottonwood-willow thicket

Prior Experience with this Species: None

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? The slow movements and thick, vireo bill eliminated other small passerines such as warblers, kinglets. Red-eyed, Warbling and Philadelphia eliminated because the bird had wingbars and spectacles. Yellow-throated eliminated due to white throat. Western form of Solitary eliminated due to yellow sides and spectacles, wingbars, olive rather than gray upperparts. Eastern form of Solitary eliminated due to yellow spectacles, yellowish wingbars, more yellow on sides and olive head and back, with no contrast as in Solitary with gray head, olive back. In addition, the white iris eliminated all other vireos.

This Report was Written From: Notes made during X after    observation; Memory   

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