

Species: White-eyed Vireo
 (Vernacular Name)

Vireo griseus
 (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): 5/31 and 6/1, 1975 Time Bird Seen: 6:45 to 6:46

Locality: East Canyon Creek

Nearest Town: Kim County: Baca

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
None		

Optical Equipment: 10 x 40 Leica

If photographed, type of equipment used: —

Light Conditions: Bright sunlight - early p.m.

Distance from bird (how measured): 15-20 ft estimated

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ♂ (sing) Plumage: adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

very secretive - moved through thicket first evening without showing itself - next AM - came out as I squeaked but quickly flew into thicket again.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

Realize that my comments are not all descriptive but feel it may be necessary.

I heard the bird about 6 PM on 5/31, felt sure I had heard that song before - thought it might be a flycatcher or a Vireo. Couldn't get the bird to show itself. That evening after studying the books, I decided it was a vireo, probably a white-eyed Vireo.

When I went back the next morning I heard the song again - I moved nearer, squeaking and saw the bird for one good look. Realizing I needed to see the hooded eye, I concentrated on that part of the bird. It had a white eye (iris) and I was impressed with the amount of yellow around the eye and head. Sutton - Birds of Oklahoma indicates that the race found furthest west has more yellow than the eastern race. (OVER) Otherwise I noted it.

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

It would sing, move and sing again.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

It was in a tight thicket of square bush in a small ravine ^{below} a canyon wall.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

1) other Vireos - Song varied from all others I know: solitary, yellow-throated, red-eyed, warbling & Bell's.

2) Only ^{small} bird with such a white eye.

3) Habitat - Only other Vireo which lives in thickets that I am aware of is the Bell's - I know Bell's song and it doesn't have a white eye, yellow was and is smaller than this bird.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

Have only seen this bird once or twice before in So. Texas, but I am familiar with all other Vireos listed above.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

Petersen. Field Guide to Western Birds. Referred to them the evening of 5/31.
Palliser - Birds of N. America.

This report was written from notes made during ^{just} after ☒ observation; from memory ☐

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