

Species: White-eyed Vireo (Vernacular Name) Vireo griseus (Scientific Name-use binomial)
 Date(s): May 1, 1976 Time Bird Seen: approx 9am to observed several minutes off & on over about a 20-minute period
 Locality: below Two Buttes Dam
 Nearest Town: Two Buttes / Springfield County: Gauche
 Other observers who identified this bird:

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Bob Andrews	Denver, CO	
Bruce Bosley	17th & Grove, Boulder, CO 80302	443-4629
Steve Larson	Mapleton, Boulder, CO	442-3752

Optical Equipment: Nikon binoculars 8x30 8.5°
 Light Conditions: good
 Distance from Bird (how measured): estimated 25'
 Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: — Plumage: adult
 Overall Appearance and Size: small 5-6", secretive vireo with wing-bars

Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field):
 Bill (shape and color): vireo shape - heavier than warblers
 Legs (shape and color): —
 Crown and Forehead: yellowish olive Eye (color): white
 Nape: yellowish olive Face: spectacles for yellowish Throat: white
 Breast and Sides: sides very yellow, breast white
 Belly and Flanks: yellowish
 Undertail Coverts: —
 Back: yellowish olive
 Wings: 2 white wing bars
 Underwings: —
 Rump: olive Uppertail Coverts: olive
 Upper Side of Tail: —
 Under Side of Tail: —
 Shape of Tail: —
 Voice: —

Behavior: very secretive; had to be quite patient to wait for it to come out of dense foliage
 Habitat: dense deciduous understory
 Prior Experience with this Species: numerous observations in Missouri and Florida

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? White eye was visible. Also, it was much more yellowish than Bell's or Hutton's. Even the spectacles were yellowish.

This Report was Written From: Notes made during — after — observation; Memory V
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Species: WHITE-EYED VIREO

Vireo griseus

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 1, 1976

Time Bird Seen: 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM

Locality: Two Buttes Reservoir (imm. below dam)

Nearest Town: Springfield

County: Baca

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Bruce Bosley	Narca Shor	
Barry Knapp		
Steve Larson		

Optical Equipment: 10 X 50 binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used: _____

Light Conditions: Clear and sunny, with sun shining from behind down onto bird

Distance from bird (how measured): Minimum estimated distance of 20 feet

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: Adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

The bird was observed slowly foraging through dense brush, sometimes coming out into the open at the tops of bushes for a few minutes, but most of the time the bird was deep in the brush and not visible. On one occasions, 20 minutes passed between sightings of the bird, although 5 observers were continually looking for it. It was not shy however, and on the occasions that it came into the open it was not greatly disturbed by the observers, and it quietly foraged about the twigs with us watching on from a near distance.

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:

Typically passerine in shape, with a rather large head, somewhat chunky body and fairly short tail. Bill fairly short and stout. Crown, nape and back olive-green, shading into some gray on the sides of the neck. These areas unmarked (not spots, streaks, etc.) Wings greenish-brown with moderately strong white wingbars. Throat pale ashy-white, breast, belly and undertail coverts white. Sides and flanks yellowish. Spectacles yellow, with lobes more conspicuous than eyering (possibly slightly brighter in color). Iris white with black pupil, a feature observable only at a close distance under excellent conditions.

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

I heard no song or calls from this bird.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Dense brush (primarily Chokecherry) along edge of a rock escarpment, bordered with some cottonwoods.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Solitary Vireo (blue-headed race) - This bird has a strong contrast between gray head and green back (both greenish in bird we saw), spectacles are white, not yellow, eye black, not white.

Bell's Vireo - A duller, less richly colored birds, with inconspicuous white (not yellow) spectacles and less conspicuous wingbars. Again, eyes dark.

Yellow-throated Vireo - Throat and breast yellow, eyes dark.

The presence of the white iris, although visible only at close range, is absolutely diagnostic and eliminates all other possibilities.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

White-eyed Vireo - I have seen it once before (at Waterton September 21, 1974). Heard but not seen in Texas.

Solitary Vireo (blue-headed race) - Seen on a number of occasions in Colorado.

Bell's Vireo - Seen once at Bonny Res. in May 1975.

Yellow-throated Vireo - Seen only once, in Texas, never in Colorado.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?
None.

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

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