

Holt.

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Dear Harold,

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐

UNUSUAL RECORD ☐

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: White-eyed Vireo (Immature)
(Vernacular Name)

Vireo griseus
(Scientific Name)

Date(s): November 13, 1980

Number of birds seen: One Sex: Immature Plumage: Fall

Locality: Ft. Morgan, Colo. 17 miles south west Elevation: _____

Nearest town: Ft. Morgan, Colorado County: Morgan

Time(s) observed: 2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 15 minutes

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Sun behind my back, very good light

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 8x40
Dans & Streiffle # 976 Extra wide Angle 10° 525 ft
at 1000 yds.

Distance, and how measured: Very close, approached within two feet. it squeaked
it on at almost an arms length. Was not afraid of humans.

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird? _____

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

It was first observed jumping around in a tree, then flew about
ten feet, captured an insect on the ground and flew to a low
branch to feed. I approached very closely and observed it.

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

About 5" in length, olive green above, whitish throat & breast, yellowish sides,
dark eyes, 2 white wing bars, yellow ring around both eyes, yellow
in front of eyes at base of forehead. Bill thick, vireo, tail notched, wing
like typical vireo. At first thought it to be some species of warbler, but
was not as nervous as warblers are.

Description (continued):

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

The bird was in my yard, deciduous trees, weeds, and was here on the plains. It fed low in an old cottonwood tree.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

at first I thought it to be a warbler, but upon close observation, I noticed the yellow eye-ring, yellowish sides, dark eyes, and all of green back. I knew it was a vireo from experience & the white wing-tips were very distinctive.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

No experience.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

Birds of North America, Robbins, Brown, & Zuercher.
Birds East of the Rockies, Peterson (New Books).

a) at time of observation: ~~Nothing~~ Nothing.

b) after observation:

Same as above.

This report was written from reports made during X, after observation X from memory

Date and time report was written: November 21, 1980, 10:00 P.M.

Reporting observer: Joseph C. Rigli Signature: Joseph C. Rigli

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