

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 | VIREO GRISEUS
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): APRIL 26, 1981Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: Breeding adultLocality: 879 S. ALKIRE, LAKEWOOD, CO. Elevation: 5800'Nearest town: LAKEWOOD County: JEFFERSONTime(s) observed: 3:30 - 3:40 PMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): approximately 10 minutes

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

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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):

BIRD WAS TO THE SOUTH OF OBSERVER SUN TO WEST.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): NIKON 7X20Distance, and how measured: 25-30 feet - by stopping off space

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):

hopping around flowering apple tree, about 4-8 feet off the ground

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 observed in the field:

I just saw the bird, and said "Good my first warbler of the year." As I put my binoculars on the warbler sized bird, I immediately saw the white eye, with an eye ring, next I noted the bright yellow forehead, clean white throat. As the bird turned I could see the bright yellow sides + flanks and two definite white wing bars. The bill was heavy + dark like a vireo, the back was greenish, there were no markings on the tail and the tail appeared brownish.

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Description, (continued)

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

None

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

Suburban backyard, many shrubs + trees, specific flowering apple tree

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

the white eye. Virtually eliminated all other species

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

The last white-eyed I saw was at my parents home in Southern Ohio last June. I am familiar with the solitary both here + in Ohio, and have seen many yellowthroated in Ohio

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

a) at time of observation: Robbins, Birds of North America - picture was much more drab than the bird I saw, Peterson - New

b) after observation: Eastern edition is a better rendition but fails to show just how bright yellow the forehead + flanks really are

This report was written from notes made during ☒ observation; from memory ☐.

Date and time report was written: May 20, 1981

Reporting observer: Margaret Elliott Signature: Margaret Elliott

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