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SPECIES: White-eyed Vireo | Vireo Griseus
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)DATE(S): 5-16-90 TIME OF OBSERVATION: 10:10 TO 10:15EXACT LOCATION: 100 Ft ~~W~~ tree bridge - Wheatridge Green BeltNEAREST TOWN: Wheatridge COUNTY: Jefferson

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, Patti Fichelmeir
many others.OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: Swift 8.5 x 44 BinocularsWEATHER CONDITIONS: SunnyBIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: Quartering from SE. Bird well illuminatedDISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: 10 yds - Stepped off -NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: Male PLUMAGE: BreedingBEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR: Bird appeared on branch about 10 ft. from
ground. Relatively quiet. Moved very little. Seemed to be
checking me out. Then flew away.

HEAD & NECK (forehead, crown, auricular & malar regions, median line, etc.):

Forehead dark - crown + nape gray-green - ear patch
indistinct.EYES & LORES (supercilium, eye-ring, eye-stripe, color, etc.): Iris - White
yellow "spectacles"LOWER & UPPER MANDIBLES (color & shape): Dark - Stubby bill.LEGS & FEET: Dark

UPPERPARTS (nape, back, rump, uppertail coverts, etc.):

Gray-Green overallUNDERPARTS (chin, throat, belly, sides, flanks, crissum, etc.): Throat andChin - White. Belly gray with yellow wash on sides.Undertail coverts light gray and unstreaked.

RETRICES (inner, middle & outer tail feathers; color, pattern, shape, etc.):

Tail - uniformly grey-green - Dark. Relatively square-tailed

WINGS (color, length, shape, bars, coverts, etc.): Dark - grey-green

w/ 2 white wing bars

VOCALIZATION (call/song, method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight):

My hearing is impaired - Tinnitus. Others reported hearing its distinct song.

HABITAT: Riparian

ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

Since I saw the eyes very well, all other vireos eliminated by lack of white eye.

White throat of this bird definitely eliminates Yellow-Throated.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

First sighting of White-eyed Vireo.

Many sightings of Warbling & Solitaire

Recently saw Yellow-Throated & Bell's.

BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADVICE CONSULTED THAT INFLUENCED THIS REPORT:

Nat'l Geographic Field Guide

THIS REPORT WRITTEN FROM NOTES MADE DURING AFTER OBSERVATION; FROM MEMORY

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

Species: White-eyed Vireo / Vireo griseus
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 5/17/90Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Unk Plumage: adultLatilong: 11 Distribution Code: _____ Habitat Code: _____Locality: Wheat Ridge Greenbelt Elevation: 5400'Nearest town: Wheat Ridge County: JeffersonTime(s) observed: late afternoonDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 10 minutes

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

None

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

Joe Tenbrink (found bird on 5/16), Dick Schatler

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

light clouds, in understoryOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Bushnell 10x40 CustomDistance and how measured: 15' - photograph distance meterIf photographed, type of equipment and film: Pentax K-1000 w/ sigma 400 lens, Fujichrom 100Who else photographed the bird: None

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

Foraged low in understory

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:

short vireo bill, notable "hooded" upper mandible Gray throat.
white eye - bright yellow area above bill, going back to over

Description (continued): eyes, some yellow below eye. Throat pale
gray. 2 wing bars, yellow flanks, ^{olive-}gray hindneck,
short tail.

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

I did not hear, other observers remarked that they heard
it the day before

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

undergrowth in rated migrant trap.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

White iris eliminated all warblers + vireos. Unmistakable.

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

Have seen all North American vireos but yellow-green + Black-whiskered
~~warbler~~. Saw White-eyed in Texas in Jan. 1990, and previously

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

a) At time of observation: did not need

b) After observation: did not need

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____, from memory + photos ✓

Date and time report was written: 2/24/91

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