

BIRD OBSERVATION FORM
MOUNTAIN WEST REGION
AMERICAN BIRDS

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If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be accurate. Future bird students—those studying occurrences 50 years from now—must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are helping to further knowledge of ~~bird~~ bird populations. This procedure is required of all extraordinary observations, regardless of the observer. Thank you for your time.

Common Name <u>White-eyed Vireo</u>		Weather at time of this observation. <u>clear, warm, sunny, light wind</u>		
Scientific Name <u>Vireo gilvus</u>		Prior weather and number of days since change <u>?</u>		
Obs. date <u>9/18/92</u> Time(s) <u>2:45 - 2:50 PM</u>		Locality <u>In shrubbery (? willows) along golf course in Vail, Colo</u>		
Duration of obs. <u>5 minutes</u>				
Distance from bird <u>15-20 feet</u>				
Light conditions <u>sun behind observer</u>				
Optical equip. <u>10x40 Zeiss Diaplates</u>				
Photo equip. _____				
Notes made at time of sighting _____		Date report prepared <u>10/7/92</u>		
Notes made later from memory ☒				
Enter number of birds in each category.	GENDER(S) Males _____ Females _____ ♀ or Imms _____ Unknowns ☒	AGES(S) Adults ☒ Juv/Imms _____ 2/3 yr birds _____ Unknowns _____	PLUMAGE(S) Breeding _____ Transition _____ Eclipse _____ Dark phase _____ Winter _____ Light ph. _____ Other _____	PHOTO(S) Available _____ Enclosed _____
Total number observed. <u>1</u>				

Description of bird: Size, colors, all field marks OBSERVED. - Unique features of this individual, if any.

Approximately same size (length) as black-capped chickadees also present in same shrubs. Olive gray neck + crown; ear patch more olive green, as was back + rest of upper parts. Underparts white except for generous wash of yellow on flanks + sides, not meeting in center of breast. Wings with two obvious yellowish-white wing bars. Wings + tail brownish. Lores dark, but eye otherwise surrounded by yellow eye-ring. Yellow line reaching from upper mandible to yellow eyering above eye. Yellow also present ~~across~~ in narrow line above base of upper mandible on anterior forehead. Iris white. Bill noticeably ~~short~~ thick.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

Variations from expected field marks.

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

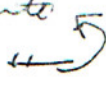
White iris!!!

Yellow-throated vireo: lacked yellow throat + upper breast

Solitary vireo: spectacles yellow, not white; iris white

Bell's vireo: spectacles yellow, obvious; wingbars obvious;
iris white

Hutton's vireo: spectacles yellow, iris white

Ruby-crowned kinglet: different behavior, 

Warblers: none have yellow spectacles + white iris.

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

Moderately active feeder. Fed by moving through branches in a more or less horizontal position. Did not fly-catch. Would interrupt movement with periodic pauses, + so less continuously active than most warblers. No wing-flicking. No obvious interaction with two black-capped chickadees but was in same ~~as~~ shrub.

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant. during period of observation

group of adjacent shrubs, only moderately dense, close together, along side a stream. Open habitat on both sides otherwise. I think they were willows but am not sure

Describe bird's song or sounds.

no vocalizations

Print reporter's name, address, phone

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I see have seen 10-15 birds each year for the last 15 years while living + birding around Houston, mainly during spring migration

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

none - I was alone

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