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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): May 20 and May 22, 1992Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Male? Plumage: AdultLocality: Tamarack Ranch State Wildlife Area (over) Elevation: 3720' ±Nearest town: Crook County: LoganTime(s) observed: May 20 @ 1:15 PM May 22 @ 9:00 AM gone by MayDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): Glimpses for 4 minutes May 20Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
Heard only May 22None

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

None?

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

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 8x BinocularsDistance, and how measured: 50 to 100 feet estimatedIf photographed, type of equipment and film: NoWho else photographed the bird? _____

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

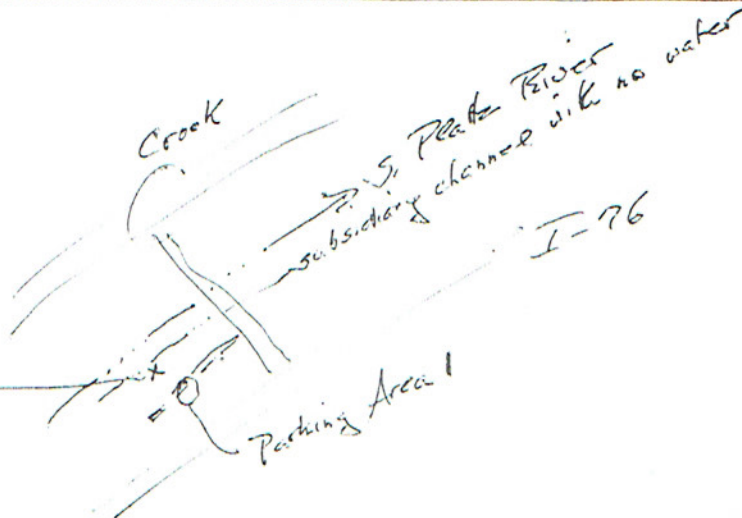
The bird was calling continuously (see over) as it moved rapidly through fully leafed grapevines as it fed.

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:

A medium-sized Vireo with typical Vireo-like gleaning activity.
At one point I could see the white eye and yellow spectacles.
The 2 white wing bars were prominent. The breast was pale yellow
with whitish areas. The back had a stronger yellowish cast
than either of the White-eyed Vireos at Crow Valley Campground,

55-58-12
Description (continued):

bird seen here



Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): From 1000 feet away I could hear 2 notes, which I thought came from 2 different birds. The first was a sharp chip that sounded like a robin. The second was a loud drawn out note that I did not recognize. As I approached I realized ~~it was~~ both notes were coming from the same bird. Both on May 20 & May 22, the notes were the same. (The second note is generally the same as the first note on the National Geog.)

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: record for White-eyed Vireo. Riparian habitat on the south side of the S. Platte River which was particularly lush with fully leafed grapevines. The bird moved rapidly through these grapevines. This area is on a small tributary of the S. Platte that has water only during flood stage.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Nearby Ball's Vireos have a much more rapid variable song without the initial chip. No other Vireo or Warbler with wingbars has a sharp initial chip. This bird was too small to be a female Orchard Oriole.

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

I just observed male & female White-eyed Vireos at Crow Valley Campground 100 miles to the west. Joe Hume said he found a White-eyed Vireo at Riverside Reservoir on private land earlier in the month. Conceivably this could have been one of the 2 birds that moved to Crow Valley - but there were at least 3 White-eyed Vireos in NE Colo. this Spring.

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

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation:

National Geographic Birds of North America
Golden Guide Birds of North America

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____ from memory;
Date and time report was written: June 1, 1992 (In field from May 20 thru May 31 without any report forms)

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