

## 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 (Vernacular Name) Vireo griseus (Scientific Name)Date(s): 12 July 1993, 19 July 1993, 23 July 1993, 7 August 1993, 7 August 1993Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Unknown Plumage: Alternate (later beginning pre-breeding)Locality: Afred M. Bailey Bird Nesting Area Elevation: 9600'Nearest town: Silverthorne County: SummitTime(s) observed: 0720, 0810, 1110, 0640, 0840Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 20 minutes, 5 minutes, 5 minutes, 5 minutes, 5 minutes

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

|             |                |                                                   |                |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|
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| Lisa Mosca  |                |                                                   |                |
| Hope Sirock |                |                                                   |                |

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):

In-hand on sunny dayOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): In-handDistance, and how measured: In-handIf photographed, type of equipment and film: Photographed but details unknown (awaiting photo)Who else photographed the bird? Don Wright

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

In hand

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:

Sharp hook on bill, vivid yellow spectacles, two wing bars (lower more prominent than upper). Grey-brown cap and nape. Feathers - primaries were brown; secondaries were edged w/ yellow; primary coverts same color as primary feathers; greater and minor coverts are a darker brown than other feathers and are tipped w/ buffy yellow; 10 primaries (10 spurs); 9 secondaries.

Description (continued):

with trailing edge edged in white; 12 retrices. Chin white w/ greyish tinge. Chest slightly whiter than chin. Flanks are a bright yellow. Underbelly white - white tinged w/ yellow. Tail very ratty and worn.

Culmen = 77

Wing chord = 57

White iris, black pupil

Bill width = 44

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

N/A

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

Caught in a willow carr riparian habitat. Distance from nearest lodgepole pine edge  $\approx 100'$ . Later caught in more heterogeneous habitats that were close to aspen stands.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Sharply hooked bill, yellow spectacles, and white iris.

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

Never seen a white-eyed vireo but have observed + handled other vireos, including warbling vireos which is the only other species known to occur in the Alfred M. Bailey Bird Nesting Area.

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

- a) at time of observation: National Geographic F.G. 2nd Ed.  
b) after observation: Guide to Field ID; Birds of N.A. 1983 Robbins et al.  
ID Guide to N.A. Passerines Pyle et al. 1987

This report was written from reports made during \_\_\_\_\_, after observation ☒ from memory \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time report was written: 17 August 1993 10:40 AM

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