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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Species: White-eyed Vireo  
(Vernacular Name)Vireo griseus  
(Scientific Name)Date(s): September 20, 1994 and September 30 1994Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: probably male Plumage: adultLocality: 55 Villa Drive back yard of the Dicksons Elevation: 4695Nearest town: Pueblo County: PuebloTime(s) observed: 12:00 noon to 12:15 on Sept 20 94 and 11:00 AM - 11:30 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 20 minutes total.

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

Bob Dickson 55 Villa Dr. Pueblo, CO 81001 719-542-5847 (the finder)

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

Mark Janos, Johnie Dickson, Vin Truan, Kristyn Truan, Dave Johnson, Pearle Sandstrom-Smith, Cliff Smith.

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

Excellent.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10X40 BEL BinocularsDistance, and how measured: 5-20 feet.If photographed, type of equipment and film: Not photographedWho else photographed the bird? No one.

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

The bird was observed in the lower parts of the red dog wood and Russian olive trees and once seen in a pine tree.

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 identified the bird by its vireo shape, white eyes, and yellow on the flanks. The size of the bird was about 5 inches. The overall shape was typical Vireo shaped. The plumage was an adult male because of all the yellow on the flanks and belly. The color pattern is as follows: The bill was blackish. The forehead was darker gray, the nape of the head was lighter gray. The eyes were white. There was yellow spectacles around both eyes. There was a dark line from the bill to the front of each eye. The earpatches were gray. The back was greenish. The wings were

**Description (continued):** blackish with two yellowish white wing bars on each wing. The tail was grayish black. The chin and throat were whiteish. The breast had some yellow. The belly was white with yellow. The flanks were bright yellow. The under-tail coverts were yellowish white. The legs were dark. The bill was thick like all vireos. The shape of wings and tail were typical vireo shaped.

**Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):** no sounds heard.

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

The habitat where the bird was seen was in a yard on the Belmont Area of the east side of Pueblo. The bird was seen in a ~~yard~~ red dogwood tree and russian olives and in a pine tree.

**How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?**

Yellow-throated Vireo: This species ~~is~~ has a bright yellow throat.

Belt's Vireo: The species do not have white eyes.

Pine Warbler: The bill is thin like a warbler not thick like a Vireo.

All other warblers: All warblers' bills are thinner than vireo bills.

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

White-eyed Vireo: I have seen or heard four previous ones in CO.

Yellow-throated Vireo: I have seen two in CO.

Belt's Vireo: I have seen many in CO, AZ, and Nebraska.

Pine Warbler: I have seen three in CO.

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

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation: National Geographic Society's Birds of North America

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

Date and time report was written: October 1, 1994 7:PM.

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## COLORADO RARE BIRD REPORT

WHITE-EYED VIREOVireo flavifrons

Location: Bob Dickson's back yard; Pueblo; Pueblo County, Colorado

Date: September 26, 1994

Bob Dickson discovered this bird in his yard.

Setting:

Bob Dickson invited me over and I observed the bird for less than a half hour on the morning of September 26th around 8:45 a.m. It flew between a Redbud hedge and other eastern type plantings in this pleasant garden-like backyard. The bird seemed to like to stay hidden but sometimes moved quite clearly out into the open on the outer fringes of the bushes and trees. We heard the bird scold with repeated harsh notes when a Ruby-crowned Kinglet drew near. It picked Redbud berries and ate them as it moved through the tree. Although it tended to stay low to the ground it also worked well up into the crown of a cottonwood, 20-30 feet over our heads. We observed the bird with binoculars at 25-50 feet distance. The sky was clear.

Description:

The bird was an adult. Overall it was a small bird, about junco-sized (i.e. 6" long) and plump, with a short tail and large head. The bird had a short, dark bill and a fairly conspicuous white iris. The bird was white underneath with a faint yellowish wash, especially on the flanks. It was grey above. The wings were slate colored and it had two white wingbars. The bird had bright yellow lores and eye-ring on a grey face, giving it a distinctive spectacled look.

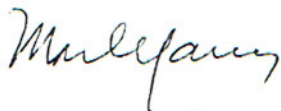
Similar Species:

The small size, active habits and small stout bill indicate a vireo. Red-eyed, Philadelphia and Warbling vireos do not have wingbars. Solitary, Bell's, Hutton's and Gray vireos do not have the white iris nor the strong yellow spectacles. Yellow-throated Vireo has a yellow throat and lacks the white iris.

Experience with Species:

I have seen all the vireos mentioned in the section above. This is the fifth White-eyed Vireo that I have seen in Colorado since 1992.

This report is prepared from memory and from notes made after observation.



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