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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 Vireo griseus
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): August 25, 1997 and Wed. Aug. 27, 1997Number of birds seen: 1 adult Sex: ? Plumage: basic adultLocality: Chatfield State Park Elevation: 5300 ft.Nearest town: Lakewood County: JeffersonTime(s) observed: 8/25: 1145 MDT 8/27: 1000 MDTDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): from 20 sec. to 3 min. sight; 5 to 15 min. listening to song and scold.

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

8/27 { Dick Schottler
Bob Spencer
J.B. Hayes } all Denver; please see CFO roster

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

"Brown" as reported on RBA tape - probably Bob Brown, Denver - CFO roster
saw bird on Aug. 24, 1997

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

Full sun to dappled shade to full shade. Wind calm.

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Binoc: Swarovski 8 x 56Distance, and how measured: ranged from 10' to 30', estimateIf photographed, type of equipment and film: naWho else photographed the bird? ?

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

Flew into nearby trees and vegetation after tape of white-eyed vireo song was played, on both occasions. Perched in trees, lower bushes, watching observers, hopping actively from branch to branch, working upward from 5-15' high, direct flight from trees to bushes.

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:

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Description ~~(continued)~~: Warbler size, olive gray upper plumage with distinct pair of white wing bars. Head: striking yellow spectacles, dark eye with white iris, dark stubby bill; chin and throat white. Underparts white with yellow sides and flanks, faint yellow flush across upper breast, medium length tail.

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

All calls/singing from perch: 8/25 - brief song of 3 notes, "chup chee ^ ^ ^", repeated 3 x from dense vegetation after bird made appearance and flew away. 8/27 - loud, long (30 sec.) harsh, buzzing scolding call from high bushes 10' away. Flew to 20' tall narrow-leaved willow and sang "chuppity wheer" song several times before flying across path to dense bushes and continuing to sing off and on for 15 minutes; loud, distinct note. Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

Riparian - dense thickets/Russian olives, narrow-leaved willows; from 4'-25' in height; adjacent to So. Platte River, upstream from Kingfisher Bridge, west side of river.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Cassin's and Blue-headed Vireos have white spectacles and dark eye; plumbeous vireo has gray upper plumage with white spectacles, dark eye. Yellow-throated vireo has yellow throat and breast, dark eye. Songs different in each case.

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

Saw 10 - 12 White-eyed Vireos in E. Texas in 4/93 and 4/95. have seen Yellow-throated Vireo in Tx. and Colo., have seen many Plumbeous Vireos and 1 Cassin's Vireo in Colo.

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

- a) ~~before~~ ^{before} observation: National Geo, second edition guide and Cornell lab tape of E. Vireo
during observation: Cornell Lab tape of Vireos - Eastern bird songs.
b) after observation: National Geo

This report was written from ~~reports~~ ^{notes} made during x , after observation x from memory

Date and time report was written: August 29, 1997

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