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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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

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RESULTS:

Species:(Common Name) White-eyed vireo		(Scientific Name) Vireo griseus
Date(s) of occurrence: May 13, 2001 (not seen again after that day)		
Number of birds seen: 2, seen simultaneously several times	Sex: sexually monomorphic	Plumage: adult
Exact location: 79 Deerwood Drive, Littleton CO (in the Ken-Caryl valley)		
County: Jefferson	Nearest town: Littleton	Elevation: 6,300 feet
Length of observation: 2 hours	Time(s) of observation: about 11 AM thru 1 PM	
Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Kathleen, Garret and Caitlin Majlinger		
Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): none		
Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position: sun overhead or slightly behind observers, excellent viewing conditions		
Optical equipment used: 10x Bushnell and Bausch & Lomb binos		
Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): generally about 30 feet		
Was bird(s) photographed? yes	If so, have you submitted photos? yes	
Who took the photographs? Kathleen Majlinger		
Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: they were in a line of willows, small cottonwoods and various ornamental trees and shrubs growing along a small (2 feet wide) stream, between backyards and open native grassland		
Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the Species or in supporting the identification): they were feeding , moving back and forth along the line of trees, moving slowly and deliberately, vireo style		
Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include the overall size and shape and how you placed the bird in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird(s). Describe other important details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches or copy field notes): Adult White-eyed vireos are easily identified, so I recognized them as soon as I saw them. I didn't go thru a process of identification. If I hadn't been familiar with them I would have identified them by 1) vireo size and slow deliberate movement when feeding, 2) bright yellow spectacles and forehead, 3) greenish- gray upper parts, 4) whitish underparts, with yellow sides, 5) double white wing bars, 6) thick (as opposed to most warblers) bill, and finally and most importantly, 7) the conspicuous white iris.		
Describe bird's call or song: chip, followed by 3 other notes, and then another chip		
Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: no other species have the combination of field marks noted on these birds which were well seen for a long period of time under excellent conditions at close range		
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I've seen and heard several (about 12) white-eyed vireos in the eastern US. I'm familiar with and have seen good numbers of most vireos found in the US, including Blue-headed, Plumbeous, Cassin's, Bell's, Yellow-throated, Gray, Red-eyed, Warbling,, Hutton's		
List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Garret and Caitlin had never seen White-eyed vireos before so I showed them the picture in 'The Audubon Society Master Guide to Birding ' . The birds were virtually identical to the one in the picture on page 97, volume 3.		
This report is from notes made during or after observation or later from memory X		
Date of written report: July 19, 2001		
Reporting observer: Stan Majlinger		Signature:
Reporting Observer's Address: 79 Deerwood Drive		
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