

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: Yellow-throated Vireo | Vireo flavifrons 2. Number: 1
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: Bonny Dam area (downstream, 1 mile from Kansas line along ~~Exm~~ Republican River)
4. Date(s): April 24-25 1971 5. Time bird seen: 24th: don't remember 1/2 hour
25th: about 9:00 a.m. 1/2 hour
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
24th: Bird in company with 2 Chickadees, traveling together and feeding in cottonwoods in bottoms along Republican River. The bird had: stout bill, bigger than a warbler; yellow breast, face; yellow spectacles and ~~eyeline~~ line to eye from bill. Yellow-green back, white belly (noticeably contrasting with the yellow breast); 2 wing bars, not full typical ones (but rather askew, with upper one particularly deficient); gray rump. Less active than the chickadees, or than warblers are.
25th: Bird in same vicinity, with same deficient wing bars. The bird was still with 2 chickadees, but had picked up a Western Kingbird; the four were traveling through the woods feeding together.
7. Description of voice, if heard: silent
8. Description of behavior: above
9. Habitat--general: cottonwood river bottom
specific: small to medium-sized cottonwoods, little or no understory.
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
Other vireos eliminated by yellow throat and yellow line & spectacles, 2 wing bars. Warblers eliminated by bill, yellow spectacles, lack of x tail spots.
11. Distance (how measured?): 10-40 feet (memory)
12. Optical equipment: Bushnell 7 x 35
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
don't remember
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
1951 in New York. very little.
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
I hadn't seen a vireo like it in Colorado before.
16. Other observers:
Rich Bottorff, on the 25th.
17. Did others agree with your identification?
yes, independently
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: except to push out field marks so he could use book for identification.
Rich Bottorff. He is a beginner, who without coaching identified it from Robbins.
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation:
Robbins. Not used in this description.
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

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Signature
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