

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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

Species: YELLOW-THROATED VIREO | VIREO FLAVIFRONS
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 5/19/84 & 5/20/84Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: BREEDINGLocality: LOWER BOULDER CREEK, CU CAMPUS Elevation: 5340'Nearest town: BOULDER County: BOULDERTime(s) observed: 7:20 → 7:30 am.Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 5 MINS

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

JERRY CAIRO, ALVADA, VIC ZERBI, GLENWOOD SPRINGS, ~~MIKE MIDDLETON~~

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

MIKE MIDDLETON, BOULDER.

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

GOOD LIGHT, LOOKING AWAY FROM THE SUN.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): BINOCULARS 7x50Distance, and how measured: 20 YDS ESTIMATEDIf photographed, type of equipment and film: —Who else photographed the bird? —

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

MOVED SLOWLY ABOUT THE TOP OF TWO TREES, EATING INSECTS OFF THE
LEAVES, BEFORE FLYING OFF.

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 observe in the field:

WHEN I FIRST LOOKED AT THIS BIRD IT WAS HIGH ABOVE AND FACING AWAY
FROM ME. I COULD SEE WELL VERY LARGE WINGBARS AND A ROUND OLIVE HEAD.
THE WINGBARS WERE MUCH BROADER THAN ANY I HAVE SEEN ON ^{ALL} OTHER VIREO SPECIES.

Description (continued):

ITS BROAD AS THOSE ON A MAGNOLIA WARBLER. WHEN THE BIRD TURNED ITS HEAD, I SAW BROAD, LIGHT YELLOW SPECTACLES AND A LIGHT YELLOW THROAT, AND A THICK VIREO LIKE BILL. WHAT I COULD SEE OF THE THROAT AND SIDE OF THE UPPER BREAST WAS UNIFORMLY LIGHT YELLOW AND NOT STREAKED. I DID NOT NOTE RUMP COLOR, NOR SEE THE FULL FRONT OF THE BIRD. I SAW IT TURN ITS HEAD SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE IT FLEW OFF AFTER ABOUT 5 MINS. IT WAS NOT RELOCATED. 5/20 SAW BIRD AGAIN: BREAST TOP HALF YELLOW, BOTTOM HALF WHITE, GRAYISH RUMP. Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

NOTHING HEARD

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

TOP OF COTTONWOOD TREES, IN WOODED AREA BY BOULDER CREEK.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

PINE WARBLER - VERY BROAD WINGBARS, BROAD SPECTACLES, VIREO RATHER THAN WARBLER BILL, SLOWER MORE VIREO LIKE MOVEMENTS.

VIREOS - NO OTHER COLORADO VIREO HAS A YELLOW THROAT, THAT BROAD WINGBARS.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO - LARGER, NO WHITE EYELINE OR BLACK LINE THROUGH EYE.

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

HAVE SEEN 3-4 INDIVIDUALS OF THIS SPECIES IN MEXICO IN FEB 83.

MODERATE EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER ^{RARE} VIREOS AND PINE WARBLER.

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

a) at time of observation: NONE

b) after observation: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC & GOLDEN FIELD GUIDES.

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation X from memory _____
Date and time report was written: 5/19/84

Reporting observer: PETER GENT Signature: Peter R. Gent

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Species: Yellow-throated Vireo | Vireo Flavifrons
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): May 20, 1984Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Probably female Plumage: SummerLocality: Boulder Creek near Elevation: 5,400 (app)Nearest town: Boulder County: BoulderTime(s) observed: app. 8:00 - 8:10 A.M.Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 10 minutes or less

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

Vic ZerbiPeter GertAlan Hall

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

Peter GertLight conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light): (For good view) pretty good, sunny, location of sun relative to the bird was goodOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7X50 JASON BinocularsDistance, and how measured: 30 yards (guess)If photographed, type of equipment and film: NOWho else photographed the bird? No one

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

Typical sluggish Vireo actions, looking for insects in a large Cottonwood 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 observe in the field:

When I first saw the bird it had its back turned to me. It partially turned around and I at once recognized it as a Vireo by its thicker bill. Then it turned all the way around and the breast, throat and head up to just above a darkish eye line was a ~~solid~~ yellow. It had

Description (continued): 2 prominent white wing bars on grayish-black wings. The lower belly to the tail coverts were white. The back color was grayish and the yellow on the back of the neck seemed to fade into this gray. ~~The~~ The yellow on this bird was not the bright, vivid yellow that the male yellow-throated Vireo has (even in fall). See prior experience with this and similarly appearing species.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): None given

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: Riparian habitat near a creek. Cottonwood tree.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? Pine Warbler has small thin bill, had slight streaks on breast.

Philadelphia Vireo has no wing bars and a light eye line above a darker one.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I studied yellow-throated Vireos on their breeding grounds in Ohio when I lived there. The plumage of the bird seen along Boulder Creek was exactly the same as female yellow-throated Vireos I studied at ...

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

- a) at time of observation: Field Guide to the Birds - Geographic Ohio. ~~1978-1981~~ Clear Creek Valley, Ohio. ~~1978-1981~~ * 1978-1981.
- b) after observation: Field Guide to Western Birds - Peterson and Society master Guide to Birding

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____ from memory ☒
Date and time report was written: _____

Reporting observer: JERRY CAIRO Signature: Jerry Cairo

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* - very familiar with Philadelphia Vireos as an Ohio migrant and Pine Warbler as an Ohio Pine tree nester.