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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: September 28, 1987Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Unknown Plumage: Year-roundLocality: Below and east of Spring Creek dam on Horseshoe Reservoir Elevation: 5200' ±Nearest town: Fort Collins County: LarimerTime observed: 9:45 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 3 minutes

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

None

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

Bird House of Fort Collins 493-4196 found the bird at 8 AM 27 Sept
Jack Reddick, 4450 S. Alton, Englewood, CO 80111 - 771-5308 saw the bird at 2:15 PM 28

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

Excellent morning sunshine with my back to the sun.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 8x binocularsDistance, and how measured: 100 feet est.

If 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):

I saw the bird fly low and directly 300 yards from some willows
to a large cottonwood. When I found it in the cottonwood it was
feeding on a large insect.

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:

Large warbler-vireo size and shape with a large heavy bill which eliminated
warblers. The most striking things were ① yellow spectacles ②
yellow throat and upper breast with a pure white lower breast
③ strong, ~~coarse~~ prominent white wing bars.

Description (continued):

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

None

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

On the open fringes of riparian habitat which was mostly cottonwood but some willows. The bird flew into a very large, fully leafed cottonwood in an open area below the dam.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

- ① This was not a Pine Warbler because it had no streaking on the breast, the yellow was not present on the lower breast, and the bill was too large and stocky.
- ② This was not a Solitary Vireo because the spectacles were yellow and it had a yellow throat.

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

I saw one Yellow-throated Vireo at Point Pelee and have seen several Pine Warblers and Solitary Vireos

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

a) ~~at time of~~ ^{before} observation: because I was chasing a reported bird —
Golden Guide - National Geographic

b) after observation: None

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____ from memory?
Date and time report was written: 29 Sept. 87

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