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## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD

UNUSUAL RECORD

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

Species: YELLOW-THROATED VIREO (Vernacular Name) (VIREO (Bairdii)) (Scientific Name)Date(s): COLORADO, MAY 21, 1994Number of birds seen: ONE Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Plumage: ADULTLocality: GREAT SAND DUNES COUNTRY CLUB Elevation: 8,500Nearest town: MOSCA, COLORADO County: ALAMOSATime(s) observed: ABOUT 10:30 AM TO 10:45 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 15 MINUTES

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

JERRY DOE  
67 CLEARVIEW DRIVE  
MONTE VISTA, CO 81404  
852-5421

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

None

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

EXCELLENT, SUN BEHIND US.

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 100X 40 TELESCOPE & 8.5x44Distance, and how measured: ESTIMATED 60 YARDSIf photographed, type of equipment and film: NONEWho else photographed the bird? NONEDescribe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying): IN THE TOP BRANCHES OF MATURE COTONWOOD TREES, BIRD WOULD METHODICALLY FLY FROM BRANCH TO BRANCH

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:

Bird was about the size of a house sparrow. The yellow throat + breast caught my immediate attention, bill thick, black; crown olive green; eye showing yellow spectacle; wings grayish with light bar on secondary coverts; belly + undertail white, contrasting sharply with yellow on breast. Back was tough to see since we (over)



Description (continued):

WERE LOOKING MOSTLY AT HIS UNDERSIDE AND SIDES.  
TAIL DARK. BACK APPEARED TO BE OLIVE OR GRAY TO JERRY.

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

MAY HAVE HEARD A FEW VIREO-LIKE CALLS, BUT CAN'T SAY FOR SURE IT WAS THIS BIRD.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: MATURE BROADLEAFED COTTONWOOD TREES, UPPER CANOPY IS WHERE BIRD FED & STAYED THE ENTIRE TIME.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? Warbling, red-eyed, black capped, gray, white eyed, huttons, and solitary lack the 'BRIGHT YELLOW THROAT' + ARE GENERALLY GREYER COLORED. BILL LONGER THAN THAT OF THICK BILLED VIREO. PHILADELPHIA VIREO LACKS SPECTACLES. PINE WARBLER HAS THIN BILL.

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

SAW THIS SPECIES IN LOGTOWN MISSISSIPPI WITH JUDITH TOUPS, 198  
ALSO, IN SOLON SPRINGS, WISC. 1988; EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA, 6/94.

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

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation: LOG REVIEWED THE ILL. FIELD GUIDE AND AUDUBON MASTER GUIDE TO BIRDS.

This report was written from reports made during \_\_\_\_\_, after observation X from memory \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time report was written: SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1994

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