

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Species: **Yellow-throated Vireo**
(Vernacular Name)**Vireo flavifrons**
(Scientific Name)Date(s): **May 17, 1996**Number of birds seen: **1**

Sex:

Plumage: **Adult**Locality: **near Wagon Wheel Campground, Bonny Reservoir**Elevation: **3600'**Nearest town: **Burlington, CO**County: **Yuma**Time(s) observed: **7:15am**Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): **15 min**Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers): **John F. Barber, 1700 Clearview Court, Ft Collins, CO**Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
noneLight conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light): **Sun was behind observers on two separate viewing occasions and locations and the bird was located below observers for almost 5 minutes in a backlit condition.**Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): **10X binoculars**Distance, and how measured: **5 feet at closest; estimated**If photographed, type of equipment and film: **No photos**Who else photographed the bird? **none known**Describe the birds behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying): **First seen feeding actively in deciduous trees at edge of forested area. It moved slowly along tree branches, feeding from leaves and branches. Flew from tree to tree every few minutes as it moved generally from south to north.**

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:

Vireo size and shape. Bill was large, vireo bill, thereby eliminating warbler species;1831 33
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Description (continued):

Bright yellow throat and breast that ended abruptly in mid-belly area; Yellow spectacles and double white wing bars; Greenish yellow back, neck and head; Dark eye; No streaking on breast or sides; Average tail length; No white in facial pattern; Chunky shape;

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):
None heard (which is unusual since these are normally very vocal birds)

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

Open, variable height, deciduous forest and shrubby edge. Below tree was a mix of ladder-type shrubs and smaller trees, with a wet, marshy area in part of the forest.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

White-eyed Vireo- bright yellow throat and breast, rather than just yellowish wash on sides;
Solitary Vireo- yellow throat and belly, yellow spectacles; greenish yellow head rather than gray
Philadelphia Vireo - brighter yellow throat and belly that ended abruptly, yellow spectacles; wingbars
Pine Warbler (actually all warblers) - bill, spectacles, wingbars and shape

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

I have seen this and similarly appearing species many times.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:
(none needed after look we had and familiarity of observers)

a) at time of observation: None

b) after observation: National Geographic

This report was written from reports made during after observation XX from memory

Date and time report was written: May 25, 1996

Reporting observer: Bill Lisowsky

Signature:



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