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**COLORADO RARE BIRD FORM**

**Species:** *Yellow-throated Vireo*  
(Common Name)

*Vireo flavifrons*  
(Scientific Name)

**Dates:** May 3, 1996.

**Number of birds seen:** one.

**Sex:** unknown.

**Plumage:** adult.

**Locality:** Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement.

**Nearest town:** Fort Lyon.

**County:** Bent.

**Time observed:** 7:30-7:45AM.

**Duration of observation:** 8 minutes.

**Other observers with you:** none.

**Other observers who saw the bird independently:** none.

**Light conditions:** excellent, sunny, sun to my back..

**Optical equipment:** 10X40 Baucsh & Lomb Binoculars.

**Distance from bird:** 15-25 feet.

**Describe the bird's behavior:** The bird was observed with a group of birds which included warblers. The vireo moved slower in trees and flew from one tree to another tree.

**Describe the bird:** The size was about 5 1/2 inches in length. The overall shape was normal vireo shape. The bird was in adult breeding plumage. The color pattern follows: The head was greenish. The face was greenish. The nape was greenish. The back was greenish. The wings were blackish. The bird had two white wing bats on each wing. The tail was black with some white. The bill was gray. The eyes were dark. The bird had yellow around each eye going above the bill around to the other. The chin was yellow. The throat was yellow. The breast was yellow. The belly was white. The undertail coverts were white. The sides were white. The flanks were white. The legs were grayish. The feet were grayish. The bill was thick and short like all vireos. The wings were normal vireo shaped. The tail was normal vireo shaped. I identified this bird by the vireo shape and size, by the all yellow throat, and thick vireo bill, and the yellow spectacles around the eyes, and the other field marks listed above.

**Describe the bird's song and call if heard:**

None heard.

**Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:**

The bird was in trees in a riparian woodlot in Southeastern Colorado near the intersection of Road HH & 16 east of the town of Fort Lyon.

**How did you eliminate similarly appearing species:**

Yellow-throated Warbler: This species has a thin bill. The face pattern is different.

Pine Warbler: This species has a thin bill.

Grace's Warbler: This species has a thin bill.

All other vireos: None have an all yellow throat except for Yellow-throated.

**What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:**

I have seen two previous Yellow-throated Vireos in Colorado in 1992 and 1993. Also I have seen them in North Dakota and Texas.

I have seen three Pine Warblers in Colorado and several in Texas.

I have seen Grace's Warblers in Colorado and Arizona.

**List books if they helped in your identification:** none needed.

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

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