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**COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGHT RECORD FORM**

SPECIES: YELLOW-THROATED VIREO (*Vireo flavifrons*)

DATE(S) and TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 10:30 am, May 9, 1999

NUMBER(S) OF BIRDS SEEN: One

SEX: ?

PLUMAGE: Adult

LOCATION: Lamar Community College Woods

COUNTY: Prowers

NEAREST TOWN: Lamar

ELEVATION: 4600

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 10 minutes

TIMES OF OBSERVATION: 10:30 am

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S): Lisa Rawinski spotted and identified the bird first. Jerry and Tanner Poe and myself then got to see it. We told others about the bird.

LIGHT CONDITIONS (Quality and Relationship to Bird) Sunny, clear, warm, sun high in sky to the east and we saw bird to the north.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED: Swarovski 8X30's

DISTANCE FROM BIRD (Estimated unless otherwise noted) 50 feet

WAS THE BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED? No

WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS?

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD OCCURRED: Riparian cottonwood habitat, bird was in upper canopy of trees.

DESCRIBE THE BIRDS BEHAVIOR (FLYING, FEEDING, HABITS, BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORT OF THE IDENTIFICATION): Bird was feeding by gleaning food from upper branches of cottonwood trees. Flying branch to branch.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. GIVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO THE MARKS/FEATURES YOU USED TO IDENTIFY THE BIRD. (Include size, shape, plumage, tail etc.) The size of nearby Yellow-rumped warblers. Grayish brown wings with prominent bold whitish wingbars. Bright yellow throat and breast breaking cleanly to white lower breast, belly and undertail. Back olive green. Eye dark. Head olive green to olive gray with bold distinct spectacles around eyes and bridging across bill. Bill black, thick, and fairly heavy appearing. Crown dark gray brown. Did not note legs. Tail gray brown.

DESCRIBE SONG/CALLS IF ANY: None

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM: Thick-billed Vireo will have yellow underparts entirely. Not Pine Warbler...bill much too thick and vireo-like. Lacks white eye of White-eyed Vireo. Yellow throat and breast breaking to white eliminates all other vireos.

WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES? Lisa and I have seen this species in Yucatan, Mexico; Manitoba, Canada; and in San Luis Valley.

LIST BOOKS, GUIDES, RECORDINGS, OR OTHER SOURCES CONSULTED AND HOW THIS INFLUENCED YOUR IDENTIFICATION (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION). National Geographic after observation.

THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM... Notes taken the day of observation.

DATE OF WRITTEN REPORT: 5/19/99

REPORTING OBSERVER: Lisa J. and John J. Rawinski

SIGNATURES

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