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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form (This is a two-page report. Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.) Each table cell will automatically enlarge as you type!  
CFO-RC FILE X: RESULTS:

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Species:(Common Name) Yellow - throated Vireo (Scientific Name) Vireo flavifrons

Date(s) of occurrence: May 12, 2001

Number of birds seen: one Sex: ? Plumage:

Exact location: Lamar cemetery County: Prowers Nearest town: Lamar Elevation: ?3500 feet

Length of observation: 3 - 4 minutes Time(s) of observation: 06:40

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Brandon Percival, Andrew Spencer

Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): Joey Kellner

Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position: Sunny,

Wind SW 5 - 10 mph

Optical equipment used: Ziess 10 x 40

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 50 feet

Was bird(s) photographed? no If so, have you submitted photos?

Who took the photographs?

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred:

Blue grass under story with spaced mature pine, elm and juniper trees.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in

identifying the Species or in supporting the identification): Actively

feeding and singing in an elm tree.

Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report.

Include the overall size and shape and how you placed the bird in the

general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including

head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings and tail. Give particular

emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird(s). Describe other important

details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were

important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if

photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field

sketches or copy field notes): This bird was first located by its song and

then found in an elm tree. The bird had an olive green crown, nape and back

that became gray toward the rump. The chin, throat and half the belly were

yellow, with the rest of the under parts being white. The bill was slightly

bulbous, blunted and dark colored. The eye was dark and the legs grayish.

The facial pattern was bland, mainly a gradual change from the yellow of the

throat to the olive green of the nape. There were a faint yellow spectacles.

The black area between the bill and the eye shown in most field guides was

not noted. The wings had two pale wing bars on blackish wings. The tail was

intermediate in color between the rump and the wings and lighter below than

above.

Describe bird's call or song: Was a vireo type song with distinct phrases,

with one phrase sounding like eeee-A.

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: Pine Warbler mainly

by song but also by shape of bill, tail pattern.

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

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List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this

influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley Guide

to Birds

This report is from notes made during X or after observation or

later from memory

Date of written report: May 16, 2001

Reporting observer: Signature: Ric Olson

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