

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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

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RESULTS:

Species: (Common Name) Yellow-throated Vireo

(Scientific Name) vireo flairfrons

Date(s) of occurrence: 5/26/02

Number of birds seen: 1

Sex: M

Plumage: Breeding

Exact location: Welchester Tree Park

County: Jefferson

Nearest town: Lakewood

Elevation: app. 5400

Length of observation: 15-20 minutes

Time(s) of observation: 1600-1620

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Christine Campbell-Chavez

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): None

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Excellent Sun behind observer and bird

Optical equipment used: 10x42 Celetron Ranger

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 20-30 feet

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? no

If so, are you submitting photos?

Who took the photograph(s)? n/a

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: middle and top of cottonwood and bathing in small creek

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: preening after bath, slow foraging in cottonwood not as active as warblers

DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Features to include are the color(s) and/or patterns of the head, eyes, bill, back, folded wings, open wings, tail, chin, throat, breast, sides, flanks, belly, vent, and legs. Also, please include, where possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings -- folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional sheets of description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes. Yellow spectacles, thick bill, yellow head and chest, gray rump (very noticeable while preening), gray legs, whitish-gray belly, two white wingbars, and olive back

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted:

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: Pine Warbler ---- Did not have the streaking and the thin bill and it had a gray rump. There is not another bird that I had to think of that would come close.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Have seen many pine warblers in Florida. Have a lot of experience with seeing vireos in the field.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley's, Ken Kaufman bird guide, National Geographic, Thayer's cd rom, Peterson's warblers, and other birding guides made it very obvious.

This report was made from (check one) ☒ notes made during observation ☐ notes made after observation ☐ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: 5/31/02

Reporting observer: Kenneth Mark Chavez

Signature:

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