

DETAILS OF IDENTIFICATION

Yellow-throated Flycatcher: On Sept. 2 at the Croton Unit of Shimek State Forest, Lee County, Iowa, I observed a Yellow-throated Flycatcher. The bird was inside ~~of~~ a thicket of unidentified shrubs bordering an opening in a middle maturity deciduous woodland. A small stream(flowing) is located some 50' away. The bird showed a dull yellow on the undersides, from the belly clear up the throat to the lower mandible. Although the yellow was dull, it was unmistakably yellow, in what I felt was ~~an~~ obvious contrast to the faint hint of a yellow wash of the Acadians in the area. Most of the empidonax sp. I have seen this fall have shown no yellow at all. Also conspicuous about this bird was the yellowish eye ring. Again, this contrasts with the whitish or eggshell color of ~~other~~ the eyerings of other empids in the area.

The bird remained within the canopy of the thicket, occassionally darting out, then returning. This behavior is different that other empids I have observed, which seem to utilize a more exposed perch.

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