

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

1994

What species? *Philadelphia Vireo*

How many? /

Location? *Moorehead Park*

Type of Habitat? *Riparian - shrubby*

When? date(s) *Oct. 18*

time: *over noon hour.* to

Who? your name and address: *PETE ERNZEN 401 TAYLOR IDA GROVE IA*

Others with you:

Others before or after you:

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Think vireo bill, light blue gray hood above eye - indistinct almost non-existent eye line. yellow wash on throat, chest & flanks - white belly & undertail coverts. light green back wings - bird was gleaning insects like vireo instead of fly catching like warblers.

Similar species: how eliminated: *TENNESSEE WARBLER color too light think*

Vireo bill
RED EYED VIREO has white eye brow border above & below with black -

← *not present on this Vireo - should be darker in color throughout*
Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? *over →*
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. *EXCELLENT - Sunny, 90 ft (paced to tree)*
Bushnell Falcon 7X35 357 ft at 1000 coated lens

Previous experience with species and similar ones: *OBSERVED ALL SPECIES BEFORE*

References and persons consulted before writing description:

National Geographic's Society Field Guide to Birds of North America

How long before notes completed?

Upon return to Park Office at 1pm

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Wabbling Vireo is pale in color, no yellow mark across throat.