

## Documentation

White-eyed Vireo - 1

Section 12, Scott Township, Fremont Co, Iowa

May 31, 1983

Description: Small greenish bird, white below. Bill dark, at least at the bottom, + rather broad across the base. Forehead goldish, as if the feathers have yellow tips. Lores + eye ring yellow. Iris cream, + dark pupil. Head gray. Wing bars. Upper breast gray. Yellow wash on sides.

Behavior: Foraging + singing in brushy area. A syncopated song, "chuck, whitchy, whitch wee-oh".

Similar species: similar to many other Vireos + warblers, but eye ring, wing bars, + broad bill limit it to White-eyed, + of course the pale iris is distinctive. So is the song.

Viewing conditions: Mid morning. SSW of me. Sunny. 30' away. 8x binocs.

Other observers: None, but the bird was found May 30 by Bob Howe, who got it to answer a white-eyed Vireo song he had on tape. I knew what I was looking for.

Notes written just after seeing it. No book consulted even yet.

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