

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species White-eyed Vireo (*Vireo griseus*) 2. Number 631.0
3. Location Lost Lake, Ledges State Park, Boone County IA (lat. 4159/Long.09352)
4. Date: 19 May 1980 5. Time Bird Seen: 1100 to 1110

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

Large warbler-sized bird. Gray-green back. Long hastate bill with few prominent basal whiskers. Sides yellowish. Two distinct wing bars on browner wings (like tail coloration). White throat, breast. WHITE IRIS OF EYE, yellowish eye ring and nasal line. Leg squarer in cross-section than warbler, but thin (size 0 band).

7. Description of voice, if heard: Annoyed screams while netted.

8. Description of behavior: Mist-netted, not seen before or after

9. Habitat - general: Mixed deciduous woodland near lake

specific: Boxelder and sumac brushy undergrowth near trail

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:

11. Distance (how measured)? In hand 12. Optical equipment: (contacts)

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
Overcast

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
Familiar with red-eyed vireo, recently saw solitary vireo

15. Other observers: None: Photographed, however.

16. Did the others agree with your identification? --

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: --

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

Robbins et al 1966: 244-249

Peterson 1947(1964): 178-184 } confirmed identity

Roberts 1955(1974): 663-665

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? After banding;
15 min.

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