DOCUMENTATION FORM

1)Species:Red-eyed Vireo

- 2) Number: 1
- 3) Location: Ames, Iowa; Story Co.; Washington Twsp.; Sect. 9 (ISU Campus)
- 4)Date: 4 Nov., 1981

- 5) Time seen: 7:58 a.m. to 8:12 a.m.
- 6)Description: Vireo-like in shape, this bird was almost equivalent in size to the Northern Juncos with which it was associating when discovered. The bird's back was an olive-brown color and contrasted strongly with ahe gray cap. A white eyestripe bordered above by a faint black streak and below by a darkish eyeline was observed. The underparts, including the flanks, were white. The bill was of the heavy vireo type and the legs were dark.
- 7) Voice: Not heard.
- 8) Behavior: After it was discovered, the bird flew from a thicket of deciduous brush to a Russian olive tree where it slowly and deliberately moved from branch to branch, apparently in search of food. Although it occurred with the Northern Juncos it was not seen on the ground.
- 9) Habitat: General: Short-cut lawn (ISU Campus) with many types of deciduous and coniferous trees occurring at randomly spaced intervals. Specific: A large thicket (30 ft. in diameter) next to a Russian olive tree.
- 10)Similar species which are eliminated:

Philadelphia Vireo: this species lacks contrast between head and back and has a yellowish breast.

Tennessee Warbler: This species has a smaller bill, is smaller in size, and lacks a blackish border above the eyestripe.

- 11) Distance: 25 to 40 feet (estimated by eyesight)
- 12)Optical equipment: Pentax 10 x 50 Binoculars
- 13) Light: Overcast and cloudy; sun hidden by clouds but more than enough light was present to facilitate identification.
- 14) Previous experience: I have seen Red-eyed Vireos, Tennessee Warblers and and Philadelphia Vireos many times.
- 15)Other observers: None
- 16) Agreement: N/A
- 17)Other observers who independently identified this species: N/A
- 18) References: Golden Field Guide by C.S. Robbins

This reference upheld the identification of this species.

19) This report was written 10 hours after the bird was seen.

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