

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1985

1. Species Bells vireo 2. Number: 6 singing
 3. Location Shelter belt, Big Creek
 4. Date: 5/26 to 7/21 5. Time Bird seen: _____ to _____

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):

This species was found in every shelterbelt I visited (6). There are dozens & dozens of 'belts'. Song is characteristic. A non-descript vireo, somewhat elusive, but easy to track by its song. Faint eye ring & wing bars.

7. Description of voice, if heard: song is characteristic of this species

8. Description of behavior: foraging in shelterbelts, singing

9. Habitat - general: shelterbelts, interplanted in various meadows
 specific: vineoak, dogwood, pink pine, cherry, 10'-15' height, 20-30' wide

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain: no other vireo has such different song & usually different habitat

11. Distance (how measured)?

12. Optical equipment: 7x50

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

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: my first encounter

15. Other observers: none

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:

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19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

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