

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species White-eyed Vireo 2. Number 1
3. Location Sunken Grove
4. Date: 4-5-81 (Early) 5. Time Bird Seen: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

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): Rather large vireo, with yellow eyering + spectacle. The bird had a white iris. The bird was olive backed with yellowish sides and whitish wing bars. Clear breast and white throat were noticed after the bird was relocated.

7. Description of voice, if heard: N/A

8. Description of behavior: methodical but actively feeding

9. Habitat - general: deciduous woods

specific: large oaks and secondary growth

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7, & 8. Explain: all other species with a yellow spectacle are eliminated by the white iris and white breast.

11. Distance (how measured)? 10 yds, estimate 12. Optical equipment: 7x35 Binoculars

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

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: Have previously sighted all the other vireos on the Iowa Checklist except Bell's

15. Other observers: NONE

16. Did the others agree with your identification? N/A

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: N/A

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: Birds of N. America consult after first sighting

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

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