

## LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

## Report Form

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review (to assure that all pertinent information is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names:  
YELLOW-GREEN VIREO Vireo flavoviridis
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
ONE MALE ADT
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: CAMERON PARISH  
(parish)  
ON CHENIER, 300m WEST OF GATE OFF ERBELDING-MARTIN RD  
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed:  
MAY 14, MAY 15 1995
5. Time(s) of day when observed:  
MAY 15 - 0945 & 1045
6. Reporting observer and address:  
MICHELLE DAVIS  
C/O DR ROBERT HAMILTON  
DEPT OF FORESTRY WILDLIFE & FISHERIES  
LSU, BATON ROUGE, LA 70803
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
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8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
GINA TORANO (MAY 14 SIGHTING)
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): MOSTLY IN SHADE BUT OCCASIONALLY BIRD WAS IN DIRECT SUNLIGHT,  
SUN BEHIND OBSERVER
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):  
SWIFT 8X40 BINOCULARS 6 YEARS OLD
11. Distance to bird(s):  
8m
12. Duration of observation:  
FOLLOWED SINGING BIRD FROM TREE TO TREE FOR ABOUT 5 MINUTES, WITH SEVERAL
13. Habitat: BRIEF LOOKS AT BIRD DURING THAT TIME.  
  
SMALL WILLOW TREES NEAR A POND, THEN FLUSHED INTO HACKBERRY TREES WITH GRAPE VINES. ONE HOUR LATER THE BIRD HAD RETURNED TO WILLOW TREES BY POND.

14. **Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation** (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):  
 BIRD CAUGHT MY ATTENTION BECAUSE OF SONG, SEEMED SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT THAN RED-EYED. IT WAS PERCHED LOW IN WILLOW SINGING, AND THEN FLEW TO AN ADJACENT TREE. ~~WHEN~~ I FOLLOWED BIRD FROM TREE TO TREE TRYING TO GET BETTER LOOKS AT IT BUT EVENTUALLY LOST IT WHEN IT STOPPED SINGING.
15. **Description** (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possibly: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species):  
 LIKE RED-EYED VIREO BUT WITH BRIGHT YELLOW UNDERTAIL COVERTS & YELLOW FLANKS. EYE & HEAD STRIPES SIMILAR OR SLIGHTLY LIGHTER THAN RED-EYED. THROAT & BELLY APPEARED WHITE, BACK OLIVE-GREENISH. VERY SIMILAR TO ILLUSTRATION OF YELLOW-GREEN VIREO IN PETERSON'S FIELD GUIDE TO WESTERN BIRDS IN TERMS OF OVERALL COLORING, HEAD SHAPE & PATTERN LIKE RED-EYED VIREO.
16. **Voice:**  
 SONG SIMILAR TO RED-EYED VIREO BUT THE PHRASES WERE SHORTER & SHARPER. PHRASES DELIVERED AT SAME SPEED AS REV1.
17. **Similar species** (include how they were eliminated by your observation):  
 REV1 ELIMINATED BY AMOUNT OF YELLOW ON FLANKS + UNDERTAIL COVERTS, PHILADELPHIA VIREO ELIMINATED BY SIZE, SHAPE & HEAD PATTERN
18. **Photographs or tape recordings obtained?** (by whom? attached?):  
 NO
19. **Previous experience with this species:**  
 NONE WITH YELLOW-GREEN, BUT HAVE A GOOD FAMILIARITY WITH RED-EYED VIREO BREEDING & IN MIGRATION, BOTH BY ~~SEE~~ SIGHT + SOUND. REASONABLY FAMILIAR WITH PHILADELPHIA VIREO IN MIGRATION IN LOUISIANA.
20. **Identification aids:** (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):  
 a. at time of observation:  
 NATL. GEOGRAPHIC BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA  
 b. after observation:  
 PETERSON FIELD GUIDE TO WESTERN BIRDS
21. This description is written from: \_\_\_ notes made during the observation (\_\_\_ notes attached?); \_\_\_ notes made after the observation (date: \_\_\_);  
X memory.
22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain:  
 80% POSITIVE - WOULD NEED ~~REVIEWED~~ BIRD IN HAND TO BE 100% SURE
23. Signature of reporter: Michelle Davis 5-15-95 1156  
 (date) (time)