

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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

1. **English and Scientific names:** Black-whiskered Vireo - *Vireo altiloquus*
2. **Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):**
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3. **Louisiana - Parish:** Orleans Parish
Specific Locality: abandoned golf course north of Coturie Arboretum, City Park
4. **Date(s) when observed:** July 4, 2014
5. **Time(s) of day when observed:** 13:01 pm
6. **Reporting observer and address:**

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7. **Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):** N/A
8. **Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):** N/A
9. **Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):** overcast

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon D5100 with 300mm

11. Distance to bird(s): 30'; bird was in a tree top

12. Duration of observation: 10 minutes; heard bird singing; only seen for about 1 minute

13. Habitat: Line of oaks in abandoned golf course (mostly grown up to scrub-shrub)

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
sitting in tree tops, singing

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen*; include if possible: 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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*):

Heard before seen. Did not get a great view, but got a backlit photo. Olive-gray head area, black stripe through eye, grayish white breast, black "whisker" on throat, bill larger than red-eyed vireo

16. Voice: singing regular but slowish 1-2 syllable call; I had familiarized myself with their calls beforehand and once I heard it, immediately picked it out and followed to a tree line where I was able to observe it

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):
Red-eyed Vireo doesn't have the black line. Bill larger than Red-eyed. ID'd by song before sight.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Photo attached.

19. Previous experience with this species: At the time of the observation, I had no previous experience with identifying this bird.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

The Sibley Guide to Birds
iBird Pro app (for sounds)

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	No.
	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
x	Memory (notes were made but lost in the grass somewhere during this outing)		
x	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Fairly certain. The bird had been reported on LABird email list and I had familiarized myself with it prior to going to look for it. I had looked for it on the day before with no success. Photo is attached and seems to show black "whisker" and large beak.

23. Date: 6/24/2015

Time: 13:45

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? Yes.

If yes, may we include your name with the report? Yes.

