

# LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

## REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Black-whiskered Vireo, *Vireo altiloquus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
1 of unknown sex
3. Parish: Cameron  
Specific Locality: Peveto Woods Sanctuary
4. Date(s) when observed: 11 and 18 APR 2015.
5. Time(s) of day when observed: various
6. Reporting observer and address: Paul E. Conover, Lafayette, LA 70506
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): several. Dave Patton found the bird, and several other observers saw what appears from photos to be the same individual on this day and for many days after.
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Many, I believe.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny, but under the canopy.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10s, Nikon D50 w/300 mm lens.
11. Distance to bird(s): At closest probably ca. 30 feet
12. Duration of observation: seen at various times throughout the 2 days, although rarely clearly. Perhaps 1-2 minutes of solid viewing time, most of which not good enough for pics.
13. Habitat: Remnant chenier woods, mostly in live oaks, perhaps by default—this species is the dominant tree in the woods.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): On 4/11, Dave called out that he had a BWVI, but as Dave was able to document it with a photograph quickly, I remained more concerned with a Lawrence's Warbler I was trying to photograph. Eventually I came upon the vireo and got sufficient looks at it. On 4/18 I saw the bird again, got a few photos, and later ran into Charlie Lyon and pointed it out to him.
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*):

A drab "red-eyed" type vireo differing in several respects from Red-eyed. Overall dorsal

color browner, or more olive-drab than Red-eyed Vireo. Crown cap more brownish or grayish-brown than REVI, without darker outline on border of cap and supercilia. Ventral color did not appear as bright white as REVI.

Whisker mark distinct and thick, running from base of bill along malar tract and seeming to end abruptly at about the level of the rear of eye.

16. Voice: Not noted

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): See above for differences from REVI.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, on 4/18.

19. Previous experience with this species: I've seen this species in FL and in LA on several occasions.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	mental
<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	memory		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes

23. Date: 2/7/2016









