

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Black-whiskered vireo
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): one
3. Locality: Parish: Jefferson
Specific Locality: 100 yards west of the Grand Isle SP entrance in a persimmon tree grove.
4. Date(s) when observed: June 8, 2015
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 1:10 till 1:40
6. Reporting observer and address: Janine Robin 13083 Blackwell Lane, Franklinton, LA 70438
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Mary Mehaffey
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): This vireo was previously undetected.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Bird was in deep shade. Sun was straight up and almost blinding. Thank goodness for visors..
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Steiner 8x42, Canon Rebel T3i, Sigma 70-300mm lens.
11. Distance to bird(s): 20 to 25 feet.
12. Duration of observation: Short looks of a few seconds for a period of ½ hour.
13. Habitat: Persimmon tree grove on side of the road on the border of the state park.
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): It appeared to be gleaning insects from the leaves. Short flights from east end of grove to about the middle which is where I obtained a photo. However, it was quick and at the time, I thought I had gotten a picture of the YGVI since it was the target bird and was very vocal. No one had reported the Black-whiskered vireo yet.

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): Short glimpses of the bird, but in the shadows. The best look is in the photo that I took.

16. Voice: Silent or at least could not be heard over the very loud YGVI.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): From the photo, the black whiskers and head pattern is clearly seen. So, the YGVI was quickly eliminated.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes. My photo. Will be sent to Paul Conover.

19. Previous experience with this species: No, life bird. But have chased it several times in the past. So, knew what it looked like.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): Sent photo to Van Remsen for verification. No book needed. Also sent to fellow birder, Claire Thomas who concurred.

a. at time of observation: None, just that I took a picture.

b. after observation: Uploading to my computer where I could clearly see what the bird was.

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: Yes

23. Date: __6/13/2015_____ Time: __6:51pm_____

