

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: **Black-whiskered Vireo, *Vireo altiloquus***
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): **One**
3. Locality: Parish: Jefferson
Specific Locality: Elmer's Island access road
4. Date(s) when observed: **25 April 2017**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **1055-1105, and sporadically until about 1130**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Delaina LeBlanc, Jessica Schulz, Justin LeClaire, Casey Wright, Erik Johnson, et al.**
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): **None to my knowledge**
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Relatively poor, looking east and southeast, generally toward sun. Observed in both exposed, sunny conditions and in shade.**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Swarovski 8x30 binos (good condition), Nikon AF-S 70-300 mm 1:4.5-5.6 G camera lens (good condition)**
11. Distance to bird(s): **10-15 m**
12. Duration of observation: **approx. 10 min**
13. Habitat: **scrubby woody border, dominated by Iva and herbaceous veg, between gravel road and mangrove/salt marsh**
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and

stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): **foraging actively**

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): **A robust Vireo, very similar to Red-eyed in structure, proportions, and general plumage color and pattern. Black whisker, or lateral throat stripe, very obvious on this particular bird (not always the case)--very apparent in photos. Subdued face pattern, less bold than in Red-eyed, with little if any black in lateral crown stripe above pale/buffy supercilium. Eyeline blackish, bordered below by buffy cheek (similar in color to supercilium). Notably large bill. Off-whitish underparts w/ faint yellowish wash on sides and, especially, vent. Upperparts, including crown, brownish with olive tones.**

16. Voice: **not vocal**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): **Red-eyed Vireo eliminated by less bold face pattern (little black in lateral crown stripe), obvious black whisker, and notably large bill. Nowhere near yellow-green enough to consider Yellow-green Vireo a contender, but that species would also be eliminated by black whisker, as well as other characters.**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): **Yes, photos by Robert C. Dobbs**

19. Previous experience with this species: **I've seen many BWVI over the years, mostly in Jamaica, but also a few in Alabama, Louisiana, etc.**

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

a. at time of observation: **none**

b. after observation: **none**

21. This description is written from: **X** notes made during the observation (**notes in eBird** **notes attached?**); **notes** made after the observation (date: **memory**); **memory**.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: **Yes**

23. Date: **30 April 2017** Time: **0940**

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



