

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):
One bird was seen, age and sex unknown. Bird was in bright fresh fall plumage.

3. Parish: Orleans

Specific Locality: Couturie Forest of New Orleans City Park

4. Date(s) when observed: 10/9/2017

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 12:37 p.m.

6. Reporting observer and address:

Joan Garvey

1320 New York St.,

New Orleans, LA 70122

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):

James Beck

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

The photographs were taken before the bird was observed with binoculars. There was decent midday sunlight but some obscuring of the bird from shrubbery. The bird flew up into a small goldenrain tree and was then observed with binoculars. The bird was quickly moving in the tree feeding but we were able to get good looks in good light.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):

Canon 7D Mark II with a Canon 400mm f/4 prime lens. New camera and lens.

11. Distance to bird(s):

15 feet

12. Duration of observation:

1 minute

13. Habitat:

Couturie Forest is part of New Orleans City Park. It has a large concentration of mature Live Oaks and a mix of native and non-native plantings. There is a gravel road through the forest that runs behind a large oak grove where the bird was located.

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

The bird was first seen perched on a branch 3 feet above the ground on the edge of the gravel road. It flew up as I got closer and foraged in a small tree above my head.

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*):

The bird looked larger than a warbler and was a bright olive green coloring on its dorsal surface with pale yellow underparts. It had a white supercilium and dark eyeline through its eye with a gray crown. I saw a dark lateral throat stripe and called James over to ask if he could look at the bird as I suspected I had a Black-whiskered Vireo.

16. Voice:

The bird was silent

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

It had a similar appearance as a Red-eyed Vireo but the lateral throat stripe was seen clearly.

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

Photographs were taken and sent.

19. Previous experience with this species:

I saw this species this spring on Grand Isle and in the summer in City Park July of 2014.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

The Sibley Guide to Birds and online searches

21. This description is written from:

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

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

Yes

23. Date: 10/9/2017

Time: 12:37p.m.

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

_____yes_____

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



