

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): 1, unknown age, unknown sex

3. Parish: Iberia

Specific Locality: 29°53'20.73"N 91°45'51.36"W

4. Date(s) when observed: 4/26/2020

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:46 AM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Matt Conn
City: Lafayette
State: Louisiana

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): None

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): None/ confirmed by Photo later by Rob Dobbs

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Subject bird was somewhat backlit; however, bird was under dense mid-story canopy and upper sparse canopy and ambient light was good. Collected left and right facing photographs from slightly underneath subject.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Canon 7D Mark II camera with 400 mm lense w/ 1.4 converter.

11. Distance to bird(s): 25 feet approximate

12. Duration of observation: 30 seconds of clear viewing. Watched subject for several minutes moving through denser brush for about 2 min before clear viewing occurred Bird flew away just after photographs.

13. Habitat: Bird was spotted in dense mid-story (mostly rough-leaf dogwood and green ash saplings), on sloped side of levee along bayou. Bird was not on the bayou side slope but rather on the opposite side slope facing into swampy portion of property. Entire levee is forested with native live oak, hackberry, green ash, american elm and other native species. Dense to partially open mid-story exists comprised mostly of dogwood, green ash, yaupon, deciduous holly, and some chinese privet. Low side of property inside levee along bayou is comprised of palmetto, cypress, green ash, red maple, wax myrtle and salt bush and is mostly flooded. Many birds utilize the bayou and high ground with canopy on top of levee (ridge) as a corridor. Levee runs north south on the western edge of property.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was moving vigorously among mid-story of dogwoods and green ash, staying in place for only moments at a time (appeared to be foraging behavior). Bird was traveling in a south to northerly fashion along levee ridge at a good pace. I believed I was listening to a Red Eyed Vireo calling but now think it was likely this bird.

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*): Initially this bird was identified as a Red-Eyed Vireo in the field. One was in the immediate vicinity of this bird singing or so I thought. For most of the time this bird was observed it was partially obscured by vegetation. When a moment occurred that allowed for clear photos I took to pics and did a quick view of one photo on the camera before moving on. This bird had light to white belly with cream to yellow edges around belly, greenish above, with dark eye line and darkish crown. I left the site thinking I had photographed a REVI.

Later that night upon complete download of all pictures taken during this birding event, it became apparent this bird was not a REVI, but in fact a BWVI. Malar and lateral throat stripes stood out strongly from all angles, and no dark line between supercilium and crown were the main identification markings that proved not a REVI. Bird was also slightly more drab than other photos that day of REVI.

16. Voice: A bird was calling in the immediate vicinity of this bird which I thought was a REVI. Could have been this bird as they have similar call.

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

Vireo similar in size coloration and most markings, and quite common at this site.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, photographed by me- a series of 7 shots of this bird from several angles all from slightly underneath, one in flight the rest perched.

19. Previous experience with this species: None, this was my first encounter with this species

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

a. at time of observation: None

b. after observation: Sibley Guide, and IBird app. later that night

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: 4/26/2020

Time: 0846 hrs

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







