

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, unknow age and sex, looked a lot like a red eyed vireo but more dull and larger beak. It had black stripes under chin which are the whiskers
3. Parish: Jefferson
Specific Locality: Grand Isle State Park, in the wooded circle area of the bath house parking lot. In a willow tree on the main road just past the entrance to the bath house.
4. Date(s) when observed: May 30, 2020
5. Time(s) of day when observed: Approximately 10 a.m.
6. Reporting observer and address: Kathy Rhodes, Houma, LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
Darlene Eschete
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): None present at the time
Met 2 a couple from Harahan who saw the bird a little earlier in a Red Mulberry tree not far from where we found it.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Clear day with strong morning sun. Bird was near top of tree with good lighting. Light winds, temperature in the low 80's.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Coolpix B600 camera
no binoculars needed
11. Distance to bird(s): 25 feet (standing on ground close to tree, bird on top of small tree)
12. Duration of observation: 10 minutes

13. Habitat: Coastal, small grass/brush area near blacktop road and parking lot

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

Bird was singing in the tree, eating on tree and flitting around close to same area in tree

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*):

Bird was singing loudly and frequently. I recognized the song from listening to voice recordings. Good sized warbler, long, dull green on top and light/creamy underneath. Saw the distinctive small black marks under the chin indicating the “whiskers”. No wind bars.

16. Voice: loud and clear, sang frequently

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

Similar to red eyed vireo but larger and longer beak. Has definitive “whiskers”, short black stripes under chin on each side

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

Photos and short video.

19. Previous experience with this species: None, been on my “to find” list for years.

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

Saw pictures bird before but most recently on eBird from other birders who reported.

a. at time of observation: None, knew it was the black whiskered vireo

b. after observation: Knew but confirmed with merlin app and National Geo. Field guide

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 type="checkbox"/>	study of images		

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

23. Date: May 31, 2020

Time: 8:56 am

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













