

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 Adult

3. Parish: Jefferson Parish

Specific Locality: Grand Isle--Grand Isle SP (East), Jefferson, US-LA
Exact location —> 29.26059, -89.95146

4. Date(s) when observed: 06/14/2021

5. Time(s) of day when observed: 07:53AM

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: William H. Matthews
1217 Bluewater Dr.

City: Mandeville

State: LA 70471

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

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

Malise Prieto, Elise Read 06/13/2021 (Apparently Heard Only)

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S90126077>

Dale Hamilton, David Booth 06/17/2021 (Apparently Heard Only)

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S90372406>

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Clear with good light overhead and shade, glare and backlighting were no problem.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 10x50 binoculars 2 years old in good condition.

11. Distance to bird(s): Bird initially located by voice ~40m S of me but responded to playback; occasionally approaching within ~5m for brief periods.

12. Duration of observation: ~25 minutes (intermittent)

13. Habitat: Marsh and low cheniere vegetation just inside of (to the west) of the barrier levee/dune along the eastern beach of Grand Isle State Park.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): I relocated BWVI heard the previous day by M. Prieto & E. Read at (29.26059, - 89.95146) vocalizing as I headed E on boardwalk from Obs Tower bathrooms ~1/2 way to beach access atop barrier levee/dune. Bird vocalized and spent most time ~40m S of that spot but occasionally approached within within a few meters. Bird was very skittish and stayed in cover for the most part and vocalized more when not close. This is unlike the BWVI in June of last year which was very cooperative for ~ 1 mo; less than a quarter mile S of 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*): I could never get photo but did get good looks as close as 5 m on several occasions. Large vireo with olive on sides, grayish cap, light supercillium, whitish ventrally and yellow under-tail. Bill was prominent and black lateral throat stripe evident.

16. Voice: Vocalization with repeated phrases of 2 & 3 syllables with varying pitch repeated frequently. I was not able to record this bird but the call was identical to those on the Sibley app V2, Birds of the World multimedia and recordings of last year's bird at Grand Isle. Last year's BWVI recording here >
<https://ebird.org/checklist/S70851624>

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Vireo of large size with yellow under tail excludes all vireos but REVI and YGVI, neither of which have black lateral throat stripe. Call of REVI less emphatic and more variable. YGVI brighter yellow under tail and song tends toward monosyllabic phrases.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): None

19. Previous experience with this species:
In May - June 2020 I had 3 occasions to see, photograph and make sound recordings of a BWVI, 1/4 mi south of this bird as well as previous BWVI at Peveto Woods.

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

a. at time of observation: Sibley Cellphone app V2.

b. after observation: Birds of the World Website

21. This description is written from:
notes made during the observation. No Are notes attached? NA
notes made after the observation. At what date?
memory Yes- same day
study of images No

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

23. Date: 06/21/2021
Time:08:37AM

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