

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 individual*
3. Locality: Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Willow Island (Adkins property)
4. Date(s) when observed: *26 April 2022*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *1022 CDT*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Robert C. Dobbs, Lafayette, LA*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *None by my side at time of obs*
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): *Paul Conover, Melvin Weber*
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *Partial sun, dappled light, in and out of shade; clear sky, so generally bright ambient lighting*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Swarovski 8x30 binos (good condition), Nikon AF-S 300 mm 1:4 D camera lens (good condition)*
11. Distance to bird(s): *ca. 20 m*
12. Duration of observation: *2 min, but only a fraction of that where bird was visible, and most of that was through camera (so not great looks in life)*

13. Habitat: [chenier woodland thicket](#)

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): [Foraging actively in fairly thick upper understory to midstory; difficult to get a good look at, but gist was Black-whiskered, so I mainly attempted to get photos](#)

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): [\[From eBird notes written later in evening, based mainly on photo eval\]: Vireo similar to Red-eyed in size, structure, and gen plumage pattern. From Red-eyed by browner back, less distinct and less bold black lines bordering lateral sides of gray crown, and by black feathers forming whiskers.](#)

[Additional/subsequent photo eval: Black whiskers clearly due to black feathering as opposed to gap in feathering, feather bases, etc. Supercilium and auriculars buffy \(as opposed to white in Red-eyed\); lateral crown edging only faintly darker than gray crown \(not clearly black as in Red-eyed\). Whitish areas and underparts generally slightly browner and less contrasty than in Red-eyed. Crown gray, contrasting with brownish back.](#)

16. Voice: [Not vocal](#)

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): [Red-eyed Vireo \(see also above and attached photos\) has whiter and more contrasting supercilium and auricular area, blacker lateral borders of crown, and lacks black whiskers. Yellow-green Vireo would be more yellowish on sides, flanks, etc.](#)

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? Attached?): [Photos by R. C. Dobbs attached \(Conover got photos as well\)](#)

19. Previous experience with this species: [Quite a bit; familiar with ID pitfalls \(in fact, I was reluctant to call it BWVI in the field, as I wasn't sure that the whisker was real, and I couldn't get a really satisfactory look\)](#)

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: notes made during the observation
(notes attached?); notes made after the observation (date:);
 memory; images taken during the observation.

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

23. Date: 26 July 2022 Time: 0930

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





