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VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Red-eyed Vireo Scientific Name: Vireo olivaceus

Date: September 8, 1985 Time: 6 PM Length of time observed: 1 minute

Number: 1 Age: Sex:

Location: Kaufman Ranch near Black Rock, Millard County,

Latilong: 15 Elevation (if known):

Distance to bird: 15 feet Light conditions: Good

Optical equipment: 7X35 binoculars

Weather: windy

Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

Grayish crown contrasting with olive back
Supercilium whitish bordered above and below with black
Iris brown
Throat, breast, belly white-- undertail coverts and flanks slightly yellow
No wingbars
Bill thick and hooked slightly at the tip

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

Behavior:

The bird was feeding rather sluggishly, sat for awhile on a branch feed for a while and flew off.

Habitat:

Long row of Russian Olive trees with much underbrush, bordering a corn field and adjacent to a small reservoir

What similar species might it have been and how were these eliminated:

Warbling Vireo does not have the supercilium bordered with black on both sides.

The bird was totally lacking any yellow in the breast area ruling out Philadelphia Vireo

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

I am very familiar with Warbling Vireo

The Red-eyed Vireo was one of the most abundant birds seen on several trips to the east.

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

Significance of record in this area or the state:

Additional material: (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording if available)

Description from notes taken at time of sighting ___ notes made later X from memory ___

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