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Verification of Unusual Sight Record

Species: Red-eyed Vireo Date: Sept. 8, 1985

Number: one Age: imm. Sex: ?

Locality (exact address or other specific information to describe location, such as x miles north of x intersection):  
Kaufman Ranch, 23 miles north of Milford

County: Millard City: — Elevation: ?

Time: late afternoon Length of time observed: 3 minutes

Habitat: Russian olive; 'oasis' situation in desert

Distance to bird: 20-30 feet Light conditions: good

Optical equipment: Zeiss 10x40 B

Observer: Paul Lehman

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

Ella Sorenson

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

Copied from field notes taken day of sighting:

A large, hefty vireo with a large, flat head; bold, straight white supercilium which was bordered both above and below by thin black lines which, in turn, contrasted with gray crown, which contrasted with bright medium green back and unmarked wings; white underparts with pale yellow wash to undertail coverts; rather large vireo bill had noticeable hook to tip; brown eye (imm).

Voice and/or call notes: none

Behavior: feeding slowly in russian olives

Describe what specific feature(s) you saw and/or heard that caused you to come to your conclusions:

(see above)

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

i.d. instantaneous

Warbling Vireo slightly smaller; slightly smaller bill with less obvious hook; less pronounced supercilium also curves slightly up and over eye (is not straight) and lacks twin dark lines bordering it; upperparts not as green and do not contrast as much with crown.

What experience have you had with this and similar species?

have seen a thousand or so Red-eyes, countless Warblers, etc.

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

none

Significance of record in the area and/or the state:

probably a rare or very rare but regular migrant in state

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

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