

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: *Gray Vireo* Scientific Name: *Vireo vicinior*
 Date: June 22nd 1989 Time: 8:00 A.M. Length of time observed: 3 months
 Number: 12 to 14 Age: all ages Sex: both
 Location: 21 miles due west of Eureka Utah. No west of Juntic
 Junction 18 miles, north 3 miles, west 1 mile.
 Lat/long: Elevation (if known): 5,900
 Distance to bird: less than 10' at times Light conditions: perfect
 Optical equipment: 10 power field glasses
 Weather: Breezy at times.
 Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including
 size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

The ~~best~~ birds are in a gully 1/4 by 1/2 miles. W.E.
 were all struck by this. They are very loud & visible,
 which makes it easy to pinpoint them. The wind
 sweeps insects up the gulch from the lower, dryer
 more desert area, about a mile to the south west.
 you spook poor willb & rattlers spook you.

Voice or call notes and method of delivery: *Very similar to S. Vireo in volume, intensity & frequency of calls.*

Behavior: *at the time of feeding the young they move in short hops until their beaks ^{are} full, then they fly off to feed the young.*

Habitat: *Juniper, sparse short sage, brush & rabbit brush, some mesa mountain mahogany. Dry with less than 8" of rain per year, nearest water 5 miles south at Cherry Creek. Hummingers ~~rattlers~~ rattlers.*

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

Tree flycatcher. They act alike in the way they work the sage & juniper while feeding. Song, switching of tail not downward pump. much more active than G.F.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

my 1st time to see the G.V. I find full time year round.

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

I don't need any help. Lighten up for your benefit & everyone else's. Everyone else's.

Significance of record in this area or the state:

The Hallenale gurus say they don't nest within 200 miles of here.

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

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

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

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