

# LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

## REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Black-capped Vireo, *Vireo atricapilla*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
1 male
3. Parish: Cameron  
Specific Locality: Peveto BRAS, Johnsons Bayou
4. Date(s) when observed: 17 April 2021
  
5. Time(s) of day when observed: From about 12:15 on
  
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Paul E. Conover
City: Lafayette
  
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
  
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): Discovered by Ann and Charles Robshaw on 12 April; subsequently seen by scores of birders.
  
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):  
Light was fine..
  
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10s, Nikon D3300 camera
  
11. Distance to bird(s): ca. 20 feet
  
12. Duration of observation: Added up, perhaps 2 minutes
  
13. Habitat: Bird was using dense low growth on the edge of a cheniere, rarely ascending above 3 feet during my brief observation.
  
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation:  
  
Feeding actively but furtively in low dense growth, occasionally climbing a stalk into the open.
  
15. Description:

Spectacled vireo with black cap, white spectacle broken above the reddish-brown eye. Back yellow green with gray mixed in; wings black with pale lemon-white wingbars and narrow greenish edgings to flight feathers. Tail similar to flight feathers, blackish with greenish edging. Underparts whitish, especially bright white throat, some green/dusky on flanks. Bill blackish, legs and feet grayish/blackish.

16. Voice: not heard

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Clearly a vireo; no other black-capped spectacled vireo species occur around here.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes

19. Previous experience with this species: Very little in breeding range.

20. Identification aids: Not a difficult ID and known to be there.

21. This description is written from: Memory and photo review.

22. Are you positive of your identification? Yes.

23. Date: 18 May 2021





