

# 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-capped Vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*)**
  
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
**One presumed adult (AHY) male**
  
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) **Cameron Parish**  
  
Specific Locality: **Peveto Beach Woods (BRAS) Sanctuary (nw. corner of woodlot) off Gulf View Ave./ PR-528, ca. 3.5 mi. E of Johnson Bayou**
  
4. Date(s) when observed: **Thursday, 15 April 2021**
  
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **~9:40 AM CDT**
  
6. Reporting observer and address: **Devin Bosler  
13803 Crossing Way West  
Edmond, OK 73013**
  
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Justin Bosler**
  
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): **Many observers.**
  
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):  
**Mostly cloudy with optimal mid-morning sunlight. Sun angle fairly high. Backlighting or glare not problematic.**

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Zeiss Victory FL 8x42 (good condition).**

11. Distance to bird(s): **within 10 meters**

12. Duration of observation: **~15-20 min.**

13. Habitat: **Heavily disturbed, fragmented mature live oak chenier woodlot with major component of herbaceous understory (ragweed-goldenrod-camphorweed), open Gulf beach, beach/ dune scrub, rural residential, etc.**

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

**First heard soft-singing from dead hackberry treefall scrub nr. freshwater impoundment. Then it moved closer and higher up in dense, mostly dead vegetation and scrubby baccharis thickets to within several meters. Singing throughout most of the encounter. Singing interspersed with some foraging low to ground in dense, scrubby veg. Observed in short forays of flight from perch to perch.**

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):

**A strikingly-patterned vireo with glossy black cap, bold white spectacles around eyes extending into lores, white underparts with slight yellow wash on sides and flanks, olive-green upperparts contrasting with dark head. Two pale, yellowish wing bars on folded wing. Dark slaty-gray bill. Dark red irides. Legs and feet slate-gray to blackish.**

16. Voice: **Singing. Song was almost wren-like in quality. A restless, hurried two-three note phrases repeated continuously during the observation. An emphatic 'which-er-chee, chur-ee' warbled song. Call notes were a harsh 'Tsidik', similar to that of Ruby-crowned Kinglet (RCKI).**

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):  
**Unmistakable species. No similar vireo spp. occurring in U.S.**

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Yes, digital photos obtained by Justin Bosler and attached.**

19. Previous experience with this species:

**Fairly experienced with this species from multiple encounters in the Texas Hill Country/ Edwards Plateau region.**

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

a. at time of observation: **none**

b. after observation: **National Geographic Complete Birds of North America Second edition (Jonathan Alderfer et al.)**

21. This description is written from: **\_\_Yes\_\_** notes made during the observation (\_\_\_\_ notes attached?); **\_\_Yes\_\_** notes made after the observation (date: \_\_\_\_\_); **\_\_Yes\_\_** memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter: **Devin Bosler** Date: **27 April 2021** Time: **11:00 AM CDT**

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? **Yes, please.**

If yes, may we include your name with the report? **Yes, please.**