

# LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

## REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: [Bell's Vireo](#)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1
3. Parish: [Cameron](#)

Specific Locality: [Pintail Loop, Cameron Prairie NWR](#)

4. Date(s) when observed: [11/16/2014](#)
5. Time(s) of day when observed: [mid-day](#)
6. Reporting observer and address: [Paul Conover, Lafayette, LA](#)
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): [Steve Mlodinow](#)
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): [Overcast, but even light.](#)
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): [Zeiss 10s.](#)
11. Distance to bird(s): [about 25 feet](#)
12. Duration of observation: [10-20 seconds](#)
13. Habitat: [Spoil bank adjacent to field filled with Baccharis, broom sedge, etc. Spoil bank was wooded with tallow and other medium-height trees, with an undergrowth of Cherokee Rose. Bird was seen in rose thicket.](#)
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation:

[I noticed a rose thicket, which was a change from the typical Baccharis undergrowth of the area, so I went to see if any birds were using it. I noticed a greenish-backed bird with yellow flanks fluttering like a gnatcatcher within the bush, and the back and flanks looked different from the kinglets and Orange-crowned Warblers I had been seeing. I waited for the bird to turn its head, taking mental notes on the appearance of the bird as I waited. After a short period, the bird turned its head and revealed a Bell's Vireo face pattern. I called to Steve, and the bird dropped down. Steve spished, but got no response. Eventually, Steve saw the bird \(I don't know how well; he may not have seen the face pattern\) and heard it scold, but I never spotted it again.](#)

15. Description: [Largely green and yellow vireo, very colorful, with a drab face pattern.](#)

[Greenish above with paler edgings to slightly darker wing coverts. One distinct wingbar,](#)

on the median coverts. Head pale greenish-gray, differing in tint but not in tone from the back color. Spectacle a washed out pale area resembling a Warbling Vireo's diffuse pale area.

Flanks a clear but soft bright yellow, rest of underparts that I could see were white.

Bill was pale, appeared pale, grayish from the distance I was watching.

16. Voice: Steve heard a scold note several times.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): By November, similar resident species include Orange-crowned Warbler: similar in color, but without wingbars and with thin bill; White-eyed Vireo: similar in many ways but with yellow lores, more distinct wingbars with darker coverts between them, etc. Possible lingerers include Warbling and Philadelphia Vireo: without wingbars, etc.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): No.

19. Previous experience with this species: Pretty extensive.

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

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from: memory

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

23. Date: 11/16/2014