

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 or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at zoiseaux@lusfiber.net .

1. English and Scientific names: **Black-whiskered Vireo (*Vireo altiloquus*)**

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):

1 individual UNK sex UNK age, basic plumage

3. Parish: **Jefferson**

Specific Locality: **Grand Isle Grilletta tract**

4. Date(s) when observed: **5/11/2024**

5. Time(s) of day when observed: **around 9 AM**

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: **Chloe St. Germain-Vermillion**

City: **New Orleans**

State: **LA**

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **Jack Rogers**

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): **Mid-morning light, neutral lighting, slightly shaded by tree canopy but not backlit**

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Binoculars: Swarovski binoculars (10X42 good condition)**

11. Distance to bird(s): **around 20 feet up in the tree at its closest range**

12. Duration of observation: **under 1 minute**

13. Habitat: **Chenier woodlands**

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

Came into mob tape with a small flock of migrants (including a Nashville Warbler!). Descended from upper tree canopy toward speaker before eventually taking off northwest down the tract. We tried relocating the flock after the tape concluded, but they had moved on elsewhere.

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, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*):

Very similar to REVI, but with dark lateral throat stripe. This throat stripe was MUCH darker and longer than the previous BWVI seen earlier in the morning and was immediately apparent at first look.

16. Voice:

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

REVI: Dark lateral throat stripe separated the two species in the field.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): **Jack got some photos, which should be included in his report.**

19. Previous experience with this species: **Photo study (and I suppose technically seeing the other individual 2 hours prior)**

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

a. at time of observation: **Jack also laid eyes on the bird and confirmed it.**

b. after observation: **Photos Jack took show dark lateral throat stripe**

21. This description is written from:
notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?
notes made after the observation. At what date?
memory
study of images

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:

Yes

23. Date: **5/12/2024**

Time: **7:13 PM**

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

_____ **yes** _____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? _____ **yes** _____