

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Black-whiskered Vireo (*Vireo altiloquus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
2, not sure but suspect a breeding pair. Only heard the second one
3. Parish:
Terrebonne
4. Specific Locality:
Private Property on Bayou Dularge Road South of Falgout Canal
5. Date(s) when observed: 06.04.2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 4:04 pm
7. Reporting observer: Kathy Rhodes
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Judy Robicheaux
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
no one
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny, good lighting
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): I only had my iPhone as I can't use my right arm since shoulder surgery 2 weeks ago (still in immobilizer sling)
12. Distance to bird(s): 35 feet maybe
13. Duration of observation: 20 minutes
14. Habitat: Oak Trees behind home off rural highway
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Birds were actively singing. Watched one bird more but saw 2nd bird fly to other tree and could hear both singing. Birds flit around the oak trees near us but only had really good visual

a couple of times. Could easily see the whiskers. The only other bird we saw in these trees was a Northern Mockingbird.

16. 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):

Vireo much like the Red-eyed Vireo but with black lines on each side of the throat. These are the whiskers Wendy Billiot sent me a video this morning asking my help identifying a bird that could be heard but not seen. First thought was a Chuck-wils-Widow. Then I used Merlin that suggested BWVI. Since I can't drive for a while I asked my friend Judy Robicheaux to drive me The BWVI was a lifer for her and year bird #297 for me. I never thought I'd get a year bird during my recovery.

17. Voice: Yes, actively singing. Have audio and video of singing. These are attached.

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

Red-eye Vireo is most similar but not present. The only other bird we saw in these trees was a Northern Mockingbird.

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

I could not use my normal camera or binnoculars. Judy took photos and will attach to her LBRC Report. I cropped a couple of stills from my videos to use my own images for this report.

20. Previous experience with this species: I have seen this species several times over the years all at Grand Isle, LA

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

Merlin Audio initially. Used there to obtain audio.

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

06.04.2024

25. 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

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes



