

## LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Cassin's Vireo Vireo cassini
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
one bird in adult plumage
3. Parish:  
Orleans
4. Specific Locality:  
Bayou Sauvage lake levee
5. Date(s) when observed: 11/12/2023
6. Time(s) of day when observed: Photo was taken at 9:53 a.m. I noticed the bird looked different to me and got the group together to see if we could all get another look. We had three carloads of observers and were able to play a mob tape and get the bird to come in. At that point multiple people were able to observe the bird and note it being a paler bird than a Blue-headed Vireo with a softer contrast between the cheek and throat.
7. Reporting observer: Joan Garvey
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
David Muth, Peter Yaukey, Mark Meunier, Tu Nyguen
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
There were 3 cars of people. I don't know who else was able to identify the bird at this time.
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): It was overcast but the bird was seen unobstructed in a bare tree.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Canon EOS R5 RF100-500mm F4.5-7.1 L IS USM Zeiss SF Victory 10 x 42
12. Distance to bird(s): 80 Ft for the photos and then 15-25 feet in the trees and shrubs.

13. Duration of observation: The bird was observed for less than 30 seconds for the photo but several minutes while we played the tape and the bird moved in and out of branches.

14. Habitat: The levee along the lake has a waterway lined with trees and shrubs, mostly deciduous, and a mix of native plants.

15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): The bird was perched when the pictures were taken but was moving about very quickly when the mob tape was played.

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):

I saw the bird in a bare branched tree and at first was unsure of its ID. I realized it was a very pale vireo and took a picture getting Tu on the bird as well. We were able to get multiple photos but the bird did not move position much until it dropped out of sight. I drove up to the 2 cars in front of me and told David I saw a different looking vireo and wanted to try to draw it in. David played multiple tapes getting the bird to come in. Peter and David got good looks and were in agreement that they believed the bird to be a Cassin's Vireo.

17. Voice: None

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Blue-headed Vireo is similar but the bird is brighter and has a harsh demarcation between the cheek and the throat.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, I attached my photos. Tu Nyguen was also able to get a few pictures

20. Previous experience with this species: none

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

National Geographic, ebird

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

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

I am not positive

24. Date report completed:

11/12/2023

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



