

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: **Yellow-green Vireo (*Vireo flavoviridis flavoviridis*)**

2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One individual, presumably first-spring (SY) male

3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) **Cameron Parish**

Specific Locality: **Peveto Beach Woods (BRAS Sanctuary) off Gulf View Ave./ PR-528, ca. 3.5 mi. E of Johnson Bayou**

4. Date(s) when observed: **12 June 2015**

5. Time(s) of day when observed: **~5:30 – 5:45 PM CDT**

6. Reporting observer and address: **Devin Bosler
14112 Crossing Way East
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): **Dave Patton (originally discovered on 10 June), Matt Pontiff (supposedly two individuals on 12 June, AM), Rosemary Seidler (15 June).**

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):

Mostly clear sky with optimal late afternoon sunlight. Sun angle fairly high. Backlighting or glare not a factor.

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Zeiss Victory FL 8x42, Canon Powershot HS 110 digital elph point-and-shoot camera (equipment in excellent condition).**

11. Distance to bird(s): **within 5 meters**

12. Duration of observation: **~10-15 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 observed singing from subcanopy of mature live oaks. Slow methodical movements through canopy and subcanopy of one to two live oaks. Only visible at times throughout observation. Not associated with other individuals or other species. Also observed in flight as it flew across opening between live oaks. Once silent, it was impossible to track down.

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 robust vireo with bright greenish-yellow upperparts and extensive yellow wash on underparts, especially on sides, flanks, underwing and undertail coverts. Grayish crown blending with back and upperparts. Pale supercilium bordered by subtle dark lines. Dark eye line. Greenish auriculars blending to yellowish neck-sides and throat. Pale whitish belly. Relatively large, pale bill. Dark red irides. Blackish legs and feet.

16. Voice: **Singing vigorously for about 10 minutes. A rapid series a harsh, nasal chirps and staccato notes suggestive of House Sparrow.**

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

Superficially similar to Red-eyed Vireo (REVI) but can be readily separated by brighter olive-yellow upperparts, extensive yellow wash to underparts from throat to vent, more subdued face pattern and ocular stripe, larger, paler bill, and voice. Songs are nothing alike.

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

19. Previous experience with this species:

Familiar with this species from Panama (Middle America) and two prior encounters in LA; two separate individuals in Cameron Parish on 18 May 2009 and one singing male the previous day (11 June) in Jefferson Parish.

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

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

b. after observation: **Various online/ web resources.**

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, absolutely positive.**

23. Signature of reporter: **Devin Bosler** Date: **9 March 2016** Time: **4:00 PM CST**

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.**