

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

1. English and Scientific names: Yellow-green Vireo, *Vireo flavoviridis*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1
3. Locality: Cameron Parish
Specific Locality: Peveto Woods Sanctuary
4. Date(s) when observed: 05/15/2016
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):
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Ned Coleman reported the bird later in the day.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Good light, light overcast
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10s, good condition; Nikon D3300 w/200 mm lens
11. Distance to bird(s): probably 20 yards
12. Duration of observation: less than 10 seconds
13. Habitat: chenier woods
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation: I was walking slowly and a feeding flock of birds was feeding over and ahead of me. A Red-eyed Vireo sized bird flew past me and landed directly ahead of me in a live oak tree about 20 feet up. I had been scanning through a lot of Red-eyed Vireos in the woods (I estimated 20 Red-eyed), and expected this to be one. The bird was facing away, but appeared to have a yellow undertail, but many of the Red-eyed Vireos seen previously had pale yellow undertails. I squeaked softly and the bird turned its head. The face pattern was so drab that the ID was obvious.

I snapped a few picture attempts, the bird flew a few feet, then flew into the next tree with several other vireos and I lost the bird in the dense foliage.

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 “Red-eyed” type vireo with a plain face and more extensive yellow and brighter green than a Red-eyed.

The bird was seen very briefly, so I wasn’t able to study the extent of the yellow underparts. All I saw—and all that was available to see—was the pose seen in the best photo. The upperparts were greenish with yellow highlights, especially on the flight feathers. The undertail and flanks were fairly well permeated with bright yellow. The head was somewhat pale grayish, plain, with a trace of the typical Red-eyed pattern. A yellow wash extended up from the sides of the underparts onto the rear edge of the face. The bill was longer than average for Red-eyed, and somewhat pale.

16. Voice: n/a

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

Philadelphia Vireo and yellow-tinged Warbling Vireo smaller, with different face patterns and smaller bills.

Red-eyed Vireo less rangy, with more defined face and head pattern, less yellow and less deeply yellow with yellow restricted to undertail and perhaps extreme rear of flanks.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Two shots, one diagnostic.

19. Previous experience with this species:

Only in LA, where I’ve seen a few in recent years on an annual or near-annual basis recently.

20. This description is written from mental notes during observation, committed to memory because I was afraid I had failed on photos, and from reference to my photos.

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

22. Date: 05/16/2016



