

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: Yellow-Green Vireo Vireo flavoviridis
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1
3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: Willow Island
4. Date(s) when observed: May 7, 2021
5. Time(s) of day when observed: 11:15 am
6. Reporting observer and city/state address
Reporting observer: Malise Prieto
City: Mandeville
State: LA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Elise Read
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s): Unknown

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Harsh. Elise and I saw the bird moving around in the mid to top of two Live Oak trees next to the marsh. At that point from my vantage point (I was on the east side of the oak and Elise was on the West side) the bird was mostly back-lit. I tried for photos but it was impossible to get the bird in focus, so I switched back to my binoculars. The Vireo was moving around quickly. Then it flew down into the lower part of the Live Oak and landed on a low branch, in a "hole" where there was excellent light and no leaves or branches to obstruct my view

10. Optical Equipment: Vortex Viper 12 x 50 Binoculars

11. Distance to bird(s): First saw it at 45' up and backlit; then tried for photos at 10' but too many leaves to focus, excellent views at approximately 4' off the ground and 20' away.

12. Duration of observation: Approximately 7 minutes.

13. Habitat: Live Oak grove along grassy marsh

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): It moved quickly around the oak tree, too quickly to get a focus with my camera. I had an excellent view of it when it flew down in the bottom branches to catch and eat a bug.

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*): Glimpses of a Vireo, similar to a Red-eyed, as it moved around the tree. Excellent views of the greenish back as it perched facing away from me, then it reached out to grab a bug, tilting up its tail, revealing its yellow vent. After eating the bug, it turned its head and neck sharply to the left so that I could clearly see its large bill and line through its eye, creating a white eye brow.

16. Voice: No vocalization that I could hear.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Red-eyed Vireos were abundant and we checked each one carefully. They all had smaller bills and did not have all the yellow on underside.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): None

19. Previous experience with this species: None

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

Merlin ID, Sibley's

a. at time of observation: Yes

b. after observation: No

21. This description is written from:

notes made during the observation. YES, eBird list. Are notes attached? eBird list will be emailed to Donna Dittmann to attach to this report

notes made after the observation. NO At what date?

memory YES

study of images YES

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

23. Date: May 17, 2021. Time: 10:28 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