

Species: PHUMBEUS VIREO
Record No. 629.1-02-03

Location: HQ MALHEUR NWR
County: HARNEY
Date(s): MAY 25-26, 2002

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Date reporter(s) notified: 1-4-04

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RARE BIRD REPORT

Tim Rodenkirk

Species: **Plumbeous Vireo**

Date(s) of Sighting: 5/25 & 5/26/2002 Time Found: 0800

Length of Time Observed: 15 minutes

Distance to Bird: As close as 5 feet

Number, Age, Sex: 1

Observer: Tim Rodenkirk

Other Observers: I found it and then Mike & MaryLynn Denny verified it shortly thereafter. By the time the day was over, many people had seen it.

Location: Headquarters at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, Harney County, Oregon.

Habitat: Desert Oasis- it was mainly seen in the taller cottonwoods on the south end of headquarters.

Description: Solitary Vireo complex- All gray head, nape, primaries, secondaries, & upper tail giving it an overall gray appearance without any contrast. White spectacles. Dark bill. Neck, chest, abdomen, flanks, vent, and undertail completely white without any sign of green or yellow wash. The secondaries had grayish-white edging. There were two narrow, white wing-bars.

Vocalization/Behavior: Foraging for insects in the cottonwood. We saw the bird from many angles, and it was down low when I originally found it.

Similar Species: Cassin's Vireo- would have some green or yellow wash on the underparts. The secondaries would be greenish on the edges instead of white.

References: *The Sibley Guide to Birds* by David Allen Sibley

Experience: I have seen this species twice before in Fields. Also several times in the Southwestern U.S.

Light/Weather: Overcast, variable conditions. No yellow wash anywhere on the bird under any of the varying light conditions.

Optics: B & L 10x42 Elite Binos

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