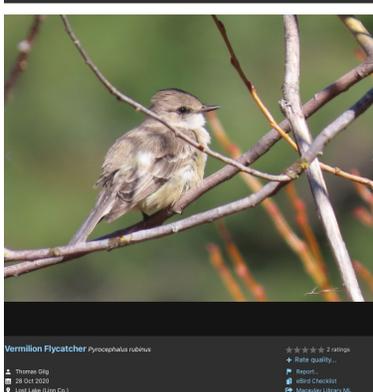
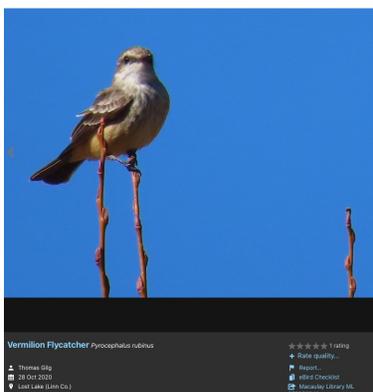
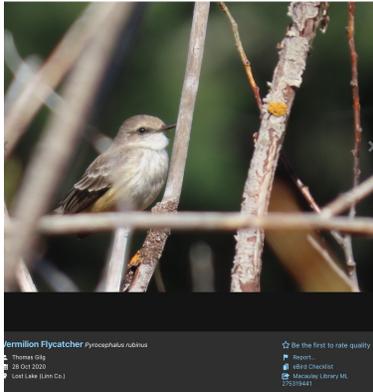
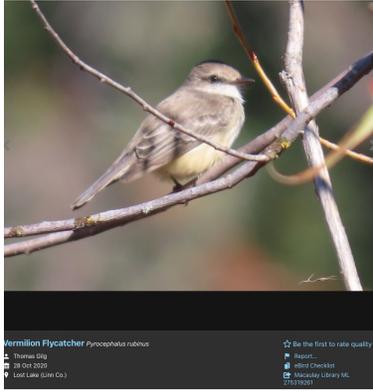
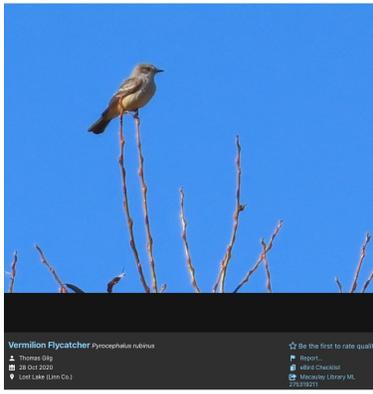


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| <b>BIRD IDENTIFICATION</b>                                 | VEFL, female   |
| <b>DATE(S) OF OBSERVATION</b>                              | Oct 28, 2020   |
| <b>TIME OF DAY</b>   | 12:06 PM   |
| <b>LOCATION</b>  | Lost Lake, Santiam Pass, Linn County, OR   |
| <b>LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS</b>                     | Generally sunny  |
| <b>DETAILS</b>   | <p>Details first recorded in <a href="https://ebird.org/checklist/">https://ebird.org/checklist/</a>, and immediately reported to OBOL. Rich Hoyer, Alan Contreras and several others rapidly supported a VEFL ID based on the photos. From eBird:</p> <p>Kept tilting from bush in center of field (dry lake bed) by drain holes. Must walk road and lake edge to north peninsula, and just before the road goes left and uphill, walk SE to drain holes, and the lone mega-bush is immediately north. No vocalizations nor tail bobbing. Appeared to have yellowish color in lower belly, a horizontal line thru eye, and fine specks on upper chest. Very good match with Merlin-App picture of Immature Female. Streaky chest would rule out Say's Phoebe.</p> <p>Addition - the approximate location of the bushes, and there is a dip/trench on the east side of it, is either 44°26'02.3"N 121°54'17.7"W aka 44.433969, -121.904907 -or- 44°26'03.7"N 121°54'18.0"W aka 44.434350, -121.905004. The VEFL lilted 25-100 feet away and back to the bushes multiple times. It eventually flew off towards the NE corner of the dry lake.</p> |
| <b>DO YOU HAVE ANY PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES?</b> | Yes, CA and TX.  |
| <b>SIMILAR SPECIES</b>                                     | See DETAILS above. Say's Phoebe was an initial consideration, but the streaky chest and other behaviors ruled that out.  |
| <b>DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS?</b>                                 | Yes  |

VEFL-2020-08 (Vermilion Flycatcher)  
Photos by Thomas Gilg



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## 1st round voting — 29 September 2022

**Accepted:** 9  
**Not Accepted:** 0

ACCEPTED, verified

Classic female VEFL. Compact structure, faint but distinct upper breast streaking, light peach coloration to the lower belly and undertail coverts, and white chin all point strongly away from SAPH and perfectly fit a female VEFL. Timing also seems to fall within the expected window of vagrancy for VEFL.

The photos adequately eliminate all other species of flycatcher and phoebe. The breast streaking and the yellow coloration in the vent and belly suggest that the bird was an immature female.

streaked breast, white chin, and whitish supercilium rules out Say's Phoebe, the only other species a female Vermillion flycatcher could be confused with

Well documented! I agree with an ID of a female Vermillion Flycatcher.

No comments

Nicely photographed. How weird for this species to be up at Lost Lake. Lost, indeed!

streaked breast, white chin. mask, yellow wash, dark tail. Combo of these should get us to vefl and eliminate Say's

Excellent photos, clearly rule out superficially similar Say's Phoebe.

Very cool to document a vagrant like this in an "atypical" location/setting for this species.

Nice photos. Too bad I missed this bird by half an hour.

Well documented