

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 1994-T-001

Name of bird form: Cassin's Vireo

Committee member name: Josh Engel

Date of review: 18 July 2017

Circulation number: 2nd

Vote: A-S(2)

Comments: [required since this is a potential first state record]

The new documentation adds little to the discussion, especially given the time that has passed since the sighting. I am not changing my vote from the first round and will vote again to accept.

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Record #: 1994-T-001

Name of bird form: Cassin's Vireo

Committee member name: Fraker

Date of review: 7/25/17

Circulation number: 2nd

Vote: A-S

Comments: [required since this is a potential first state record]

I voted to NOT accept this on the first round but after re-visiting the comments by Paul Clyne, by anyone's estimation one of our most detail-oriented birders, and by the emphasis and the reference to several birders mis-identifying this "Solitary" Vireo by song (including Bob Hughes), I changed my vote this time to "accept". I still have reservations concerning this as this is one of the most difficult of the ID conundrums without a recording or a picture (recording probably more-so); but the Yellow-throated Vireo reference by at least two very experienced birders sold me.

As a side note (of uncertain significance, as this species could be passing under the radar annually), the only eBird accepted record for Cassin's Vireo east of the Mississippi is a 1997 bird near Burlington Vt. (which I believe was the year that they were split).

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Record #: 1994-T-001

Name of bird form: Cassin's Vireo

Committee member name: Walter Marcisz

Date of review: 7-23-17

Circulation number: 2nd

Vote: A-S (1)

Comments: [required since this is a potential first state record]

Per Doug Stotz, Tom Schulenberg has no recollection of seeing or hearing the bird. Per Bob Hughes' communication, he recalled that the bird sounded like a Yellow-throated Vireo but looked like a Blue-headed/Cassin's Vireo, but Bob apparently did not attempt to narrow down the identity of the bird any further than that. So we essentially have Paul Clyne's documentation to work with, and little else.

I voted to accept during the last circulation - I stand by my previous statements and once again vote to accept.

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Record #: 1994-T-001

Name of bird form: Cassin's Vireo

Committee member name: McMullen

Date of review: 7-4-17

Circulation number: 2nd

Vote: U-I

Comments: [required since this is a potential first state record]

My feeling hasn't changed. Too much time has passed and I don't feel this record should be added based on brief recollection of details. Not every bird can be identified. This is one that certainly shouldn't be a 1st state record.

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Record #: 1994-T-001

Name of bird form: Cassin's Vireo

Committee member name: Douglas Stotz

Date of review: 25 July 2017

Circulation number: 2nd

Vote: A-S(1)

Comments: [required since this is a potential first state record]

I give this an A-S(1) because the only real documentation we have is Paul's. However, the comments from Bob Hughes are important confirmation to me, especially for a record that is this old. My feeling is that if we are willing to accept a sight record of this species, this is a close to perfect report, except for all the time that has passed since the observation. It is a spring bird, so less concern about young dull birds, and it was singing.

One further comment is that if we accept it, we need to consider whether the comments from Bob might actually qualify for documentation. It would determine whether this bird is a Status (0) or a Status (1) on the state list.

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Record #: 1994-T-001

Name of bird form: Cassin's Vireo

Committee member name: Paul Sweet

Date of review: 7/6/2017

Circulation number: 2nd

Vote: A-S(1)

Comments: [required since this is a potential first state record] I don't see anything in the comments to change my opinion on the likely ID – I suspect that this one will go three rounds and disappear. The commentary on necessary evidence does ignore a couple of precedents – the Western Scrub-Jay from Illinois Beach State Park, and the first Sandwich Tern at Waukegan Beach. (That, if I recall, was a single-person sight record, and was admittedly rather controversial at the time.)

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 1994-T-001

Name of bird form: Cassin's Vireo

Committee member name: Geoffrey A. Williamson

Date of review: 1 July 2017

Circulation number: 2nd

Vote: U-I

Comments: [required since this is a potential first state record]

I remain uncomfortable accepting this given that there is no physical evidence associated with the record. I would prefer that we have both photographic and audiographic evidence, given that (a) this is a potential first state record and (b) this is a nuanced identification.