

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 2000-084

Name of bird form: Cassin's Vireo

Committee member name: Fraker

Date of review: 9/30/18

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-S

Comments:

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Record #: 2000-084

Name of bird form: Cassin's Vireo

Committee member name: Walter Marcisz

Date of review: 10-19-18

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-I

Comments:

Another Cassin's Vireo documentation on the coattails of the acceptance of Illinois's first well-documented Cassin's Vireo and subsequent addition to the official state list.

Unlike Record # 2000-083, this record involves a singing bird observed during the spring. This would seemingly help make the ID a bit easier, but I'm still not so sure – this is still an exceptionally difficult ID. In the case of Paul Clyne's 1994 Jackson Park Cassin's Vireo record there was some degree of corroboration from Bob Hughes, who documented his recollection that the bird sounded like a Yellow-throated Vireo (distinct burry quality to some of the phrases) and looked like a Blue-headed/Cassin's Vireo. On the other hand, there were no other observers in the case of the present record, only the documenter. Mostly, I can't help but feel the need to exercise extreme caution with such a rare and difficult to identify species. I am voting to reject, and least for this circulation.

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Name of bird form: Cassin's Vireo

Committee member name: McMullen

Date of review: 10-19-18

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-I

Comments:

I hesitate to confirm the ID as the observer was uncertain as well. I'd say it would be best left as Cassin's/Plumbeous for what that's worth.

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Record #: 2000-084

Name of bird form: Cassin's Vireo

Committee member name: Adam Sell

Date of review:9/30/18

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Vote: U-I

Comments: Without photos, I don't seen enough of a description to rule out a worn Plumbeous.

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Record #: 2000-084

Name of bird form: Cassin's Vireo

Committee member name: Douglas Stotz

Date of review: 16 November 2018

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-S(1)

Comments: I have gone back and forth on this bird a number of times. The description of the plumage is not adequate to identify it as a Cassin's Vireo. In fact, if I was handed the description, I would probably go for Bell's. Cassin's should not have weaker wingbars than a Blue-headed Vireo. This suggests a worn bird, rather than a Cassin's Vireo. However, the description of the voice together with a dull "Solitary"-type Vireo argues for a Cassin's Vireo. I would be happier with another observer agreeing that is what it sounded like, but we don't have that.

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Record #: 2000-084

Name of bird form: Cassin's Vireo

Committee member name: Paul Sweet

Date of review: 10/28/18

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-S(1)

Comments:

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Record #: 2000-084

Name of bird form: Cassin's Vireo

Committee member name: Geoffrey A. Williamson

Date of review: 18 September 2018

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-I

Comments:

This is an intriguing report of what seems likely to be a "Solitary Vireo" other than Blue-headed Vireo. However, the description strikes me as a better fit to Plumbeous Vireo than to Cassin's Vireo. The emphasis on uniformity of the coloration of the upperparts is one aspect of this. Regarding the yellow on the flanks, Heindel notes about Plumbeous Vireo that "Some birds have a dull yellow wash on the lower flanks. This feature is most common in fall, but can still be visible in spring on a few individuals. Although this yellow lacks the intensity shown by [Blue-headed and Cassin's], it is important to note that the presence of yellow does not eliminate Plumbeous." The description of the vocalizations can also fit Plumbeous.