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CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

Submitted as documentation of (check all that apply):

Unusual Species Unusual Date Unusual Habitat

1. MOST IMPORTANT: On back of form give complete details of this observation. Use additional sheets as needed. Include information on the bird's plumage, shape, size, vocalizations, habitat, behavior, etc. Describe exactly what you saw; include photocopies of your original notes and sketches. Name the species that you considered ID contenders; explain how you eliminated them.

2. Count Name: Las Cruces CBC Count Code: _____

3. Species Plumbeous Vireo Age Adult Sex? # 1

**4. Date (s) of Observation 20 Dec 2014 Time ca. 3:50 to 3:55
Earlier/Later dates by others, if known _____**

**5. Place Fire Station Park on Missouri Ave. Las Cruces, NM
Nearest Town _____ County _____**

**6. Observer Nancy Stotz
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7. Observation Details:

Bird was foraging with a couple of Yellow-rumped Warblers in a leafless cottonwood. More robust than the YRWAs, with heavier vireo bill. Bright white spectacles were obvious even at a distance; we moved in closer to see plumage details to figure out which 'Solitary' vireo it was. Gray upperparts, white underparts, and lack of any yellowish or greenish tones on upperparts or flanks convinced us it was a Plumbeous, not a Cassin's. Managed to snap attached (not great) photo before it moved into adjacent pine tree where it became much more difficult to see/photograph among the needles.

Other Observers Ralph Preszler, Dave Stricklan

Optics Used 8 x 42 Nikon Monarchs

Distance From Bird 20 ft. Viewing Conditions decent light (sun behind observers, though bird was backlit against sky)

Weather, sky cover clear, low 60s, calm winds

Photo Taken? Y Video? _____ Sound Recording? _____ Specimen? _____

Are these available to the CBC Regional Editor? Y Where are they? submitted via email

8. Past Experience: With this or similar species? _See Plumbeous, Cassin's and Warbling Vireos regularly

during migration, and some years on breeding grounds

9. References or Advice Consulted:

none

10. Was this report done from notes made during or after observation or from memory? notes made following day and memory

Signature Nancy Stotz (submitted via email) Date 27 Dec 2014

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