

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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