

## United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

18 May 1995

Ms. Ella Sorensen 3268 Marsha Drive West Valley City, UT 84120

Dear Ms. Sorensen:

On May 17 I was conducting an avian survey in Last Chance Creek, a riparian area of Glen Canyon N.R.A.. I heard the unmistakable song of Bell's Vireo (Vireo bellii) and subsequently heard the scold of a second individual of this species. The details are enclosed in the form of a printout from our database, GLCABIRD.

I called Nelson Boschen to ask if this was a significant record and he suggested that I pass it on to you. The precise UTM location is 467,550 East and 4,115,100 North, plus or minus 100 meters. The birds were heard in a stretch of dense tamarisk about 100 meters south of the road.

I intend to resurvey this area in early June to see if they remain in the area. If you have any question regarding this sighting please feel free to write to me at the address on this letterhead or to call me at 520-608-6227.

Sincerely,

John D. Grahame, Biological Technician

COMMONNAME BELL'S VIREO

DATE 05/17/95

VIREO SPECIES BELLII GENUS

DESCRIPTIO memo

NUMBER 2 MALE 1 FEMALE 0

ADULT AGE

LOCATION 100 M DOWNSTREAM LAST CHANCE CREEK AT RTE 230 (12)
HABITAT DENSE STREAMSIDE TASMARISK
WEATHER CLDY, CALM, 60 DEG. F.

COMMENTS memo

OBSERVER1 JOHN GRAHAME OBSERVER2

LAKEPOND F RIVERSTREA T SPRINGS F COTTONWOOD F WILLOW HANGINGGAR F MARSHLANDS F GRASSLAND F BLACKBRUSH F SAGEBRUSH F SLICKROCK F MIXEDDESER F OAKSCRUB F PINYON F CLIFFFACE F

SHORELINE F TALUS F DEVELOPED F LANDSCAPED F

F PHOTO

0830 TIME

AUDDESS

PHONE 520-556-0546

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¤ Reformat: ^KB ¤ Refind: ^KL ¤ ^Y m Read file: ^KR m ¤ Write file: WHILE SURVEYING THE AREA HEARD THE UNMISTAKABLE SONG AT CLOSE RANGE (10M), REPEATED ONCE. BIRD WAS THEN SILENT. AFTER A FEW MINUTES I MOVED IN TO TRY TO SEE THE BIRD AND HEARD A LOUD SCOLDING. THE SCOLDING WAS REPEATED BY ANOTHER BIRD BEHIND ME AND ACROSS THE CREEK. I AM VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE VOCALIZATIONS OF THIS SPECIES FROM PARTICIPATION IN AVIAN MONITORING SURVEYS IN THE LOWER GORGE OF GRAND CANYON IN THE SPRING OF 1993. I HAVE ALSO SEEN AND HEARD THE BIRD MANY TIMES IN SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL ARIZONA.