

### Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*

The Red-eyed Vireo is one of the most abundant birds in the unbroken forests of eastern North America and breeds west to Washington and Oregon. But it migrates mainly east of the Rocky Mountains and is only a rare vagrant to California. In fall, occurrences in San Diego County average about 0.75 per year. There are also four spring records.

**Migration:** There are at least 30 fall records of the Red-eyed Vireo in San Diego County, most from Point Loma (S7), some from the Tijuana River valley, one from Otay Mesa (V13), and one from the home of L. M. Huey in the Logan Heights neighborhood of San Diego (S10), where he collected California's first on 6 October 1914 (Huey 1915, SDNHM 33177). Their dates extend from 9 September (1970, Tijuana River valley, AB 25:110, 1971) to 3 November (1974, same locality, AB 29:123, 1975). The largest number reported in a single year was four in 1989 (AB 44:164, 1990).

The spring reports are of single birds at Kit Carson Park (K11) 17 May 1980 (K. L. Weaver, AB 34:921, 1980), Point Loma 28 May 1995 (R. E. Webster, NASFN 49:310,



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1995), the Tijuana River valley 5 June 1979 (AB 33:806, 1979), and Coronado (S9) 14 June 1993 (E. Copper, AB 47:454, 1993).

**Taxonomy:** The North American population of the Red-eyed Vireo is generally considered a single subspecies, *V. o. olivaceus* (Linnaeus, 1766).