

## VIREOS — FAMILY VIREONIDAE

### White-eyed Vireo *Vireo griseus*

The White-eyed Vireo breeds in the southeastern United States and northeastern Mexico and is only a rare vagrant to California. Like some other birds whose ranges center on the Southeast, it irrupted in 1992: that one year accounted for 12 of the 44 records for California and two of the five for San Diego County.

**Migration:** Three quarters of California's White-eyed Vireos have occurred in May and June, but in San Diego only the first record, of one at Point Loma (S7) 7 June 1982 (R. E. Webster, Morlan 1985), fits into this category. Two records, both also from Point Loma, are for fall: one 16–30 October 1988 (J. O'Brien, Pyle and McCaskie 1992), the other 25 October 1992 (P. A. Ginsburg; Heindel and Patten 1996). Most interesting, two records are of singing males remaining for several days in July, in population centers for Bell's Vireo in riparian woodland: one along the Santa Margarita River near De Luz Creek



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(D6) 12–17 July 1992 (P. A. Ginsburg, Heindel and Patten 1996), the other along the Sweetwater River between Sweetwater Reservoir and Highway 94 (S13) 5–15 July 2000 (P. Famolaro, McKee and Erickson 2002).