

### Yellow-green Vireo *Vireo flavoviridis*

Though the Yellow-green Vireo breeds almost entirely in Middle America, barely crossing the border along the Rio Grande in southernmost Texas, it is highly migratory, wintering in Amazonian Peru and Bolivia. In California it is a rare but now annual fall vagrant, mainly along the coast.

**Migration:** Sixteen Yellow-green Vireos have been accepted from San Diego County by the California Bird Records Committee, on dates ranging from 6 September (1996, Point Loma, D. W. Aguillard, McCaskie and San Miguel 1999) to 25 October (1976, Tijuana River valley, Luther et al. 1979). A few other reports have been rejected or not submitted. All accepted records are from Point Loma or the Tijuana River valley except for the two specimens, both found dead or injured in residential areas of San Diego: one on 7 October 1967 (SDNHM 36247), the other 16 September 1996 (SDNHM 50241).

**Taxonomy:** The relatively dull northwesternmost sub-



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species of the Yellow-green Vireo, *V. f. hypoleucus* van Rossem and Hachisuka, 1937, breeding in Sonora and Sinaloa, seems the most likely one to reach California. A. R. Phillips identified the 1967 specimen as this. But the 1996 specimen has the yellow on the underparts conspicuously darker and should be compared with the yellower *V. f. flavoviridis* (Cassin, 1851).