

Blue-headed Vireo (*Vireo solitarius*), Jewel of the Creek, Maricopa County

This Blue-headed Vireo was photographed by Marceline VandeWater on 04 November 2022.

This apparent Blue-headed Vireo was found and photographed by Tommy DeBardleben on 03 November, 2022, at Jewel of the Creek, and photographed again the next day when the weather & light was much better by Marceline VandeWater.

There are few accepted records of the Blue-headed Vireo in Arizona. The Arizona Bird Committee takes a conservative approach to reports of this species, which can be indistinguishable from the regularly-occurring Cassin's Vireo. If accepted by the ABC, this would represent only a seventh accepted record for the state.

On average, Blue-headed Vireos are more contrastingly marked than Cassin's, with brighter yellow contrasting with cleaner white on the underparts, a darker steel-blue cap contrasting more strongly with the white throat and spectacles and green back, and more white on the wing and tail edgings.







04 November 2022, photo by Marceline VandeWater

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