

PASSERIFORMES

(Songbirds)

Vireos



Family **VIREONIDAE** (Vireos)

Warbling Vireo (*Vireo gilvus*)



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Measurements:

Length: 5" Wing Span: 8.5" Average Weight: .5 oz

Distinguishing Field Characteristics:

small size; olive-gray above, tawny to yellowish below with no streaks; pale lores, distinct whitish eyebrow, darker eyeline; no wingbars; short tail; short, gray bill; dark eyes; no sexual dimorphism

Notes:

common; solitary; prefers woodland areas throughout most of NA, ranging in summer from w CAN through all of US (except se), wintering south to Central America; forages high in trees for insects, larvae, caterpillars, etc.

Mojave presence: migratory

Comments:

Though common overall, warbling vireos are rather rare migrants in the Mojave, as they prefer deciduous trees instead of the mainly coniferous woodlands that dominate the mountains of the region. However, areas around springs and streams that support cottonwoods and ashes are good places to look for these birds. One such area, and a favorite of many birders and Nature enthusiasts in the Mojave, is Corn Creek in the [Desert National Wildlife Refuge](#) north of Las Vegas, where I encountered the ones above in September and October, 2020. Other likely locations to see these warblers include [Red Rock Canyon NCA](#) and the [Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve](#).