

Summary of Field Identification of the Solitary Vireo Complex  
(Based on article by Matt Heindel)

	BLUE-HEADED	CASSIN'S	PLUMBEOUS
Head Color	Blue gray to gray or slaty gray, some with green mixed with gray	Gray mixed with green or all green.	All gray.
Upper Parts	Usually entirely bright green or bright green with gray mixed in ; some alticola have slaty backs	Entirely green, usually not as bright as Blue-headed, except some fall birds.	Usually entirely gray. Some have slight greenish tinge to rump.
Flight-Feather Edges	Wingbars usually yellow, sometimes greenish or whitish. Extensive white in retrices. Edges to flight feathers usually greenish.	Wingbars greenish yellow, but can be yellow or whitish; flight feathers usually edged greenish.	White wingbars usually bold. White edges to flight feathers usually bolder than in other species.
Under Parts	Bold white throat (and often the entire center of the under parts). Usually bright lemon yellow along sides, vent, etc., sometimes greenish yellow.	Dingy white throat and under parts. Flanks usually greenish yellow, occasionally bright yellow.	Rather bold white throat, but dingy under parts. Usually grayish along flanks, but can have olive at sides of the breast or pale yellow along lower flanks.

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