

# Calling all Birders!

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department need citizen scientists

The previously endangered black-capped vireo has made a remarkable comeback thanks to the efforts of several conservation partners, which led to its removal from the Endangered Species List in 2018. Now, it is important to track the species' progress to ensure it continues to show improvements. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are asking citizen scientists to help monitor black-capped vireos this year!

**When:** April 10<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**Where:** Inks Lake State Park and Lost Maples Natural State Area in Texas

**Who:** Intermediate to expert birders that are familiar with identifying black-capped vireos and their song.

## Did you know?

- When the black-capped vireo was listed, only 350 birds were known, but by 2018 the population was estimated at 14,000!
- Citizen science has provided substantial information for numerous rare and at-risk species.
- The Endangered Species Act requires monitoring of species that were delisted due to recovery for at least 5 years.

## Monitoring Methods:

- Surveys should occur between sunrise and be completed by 1:00 PM.
- Surveys must be conducted in clear weather conditions. No rain, fog, or wind speeds over 12 mph.
- Learn the black-capped vireo call; you may hear more than one responding to each other.
- Count individual adults by separating your detections by 300 meters (as the crow flies).
- Do not use audio playback of bird calls. Always follow state park rules and be respectful of wildlife!

All observations should include an accurate location for the adult black-capped vireos and submitted using the eBird app. Add "BCVI PDM" to the observation comment (black-capped vireo post-delisting monitoring). Email [arles@fws.gov](mailto:arles@fws.gov) or visit the website for more information:

[https://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/ArlingtonTexas/pdf/BCVI\\_PDM\\_Newsletter\\_2019.pdf](https://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/ArlingtonTexas/pdf/BCVI_PDM_Newsletter_2019.pdf)

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