

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Say's Phoebe 2. Number 1
3. Location 1 mile west, 1/4 mile north St. Anthony, Iowa
4. Date: 22 Dec 79 5. Time Bird Seen: about 11:30 AM to 12:30 pm
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

Rather light tannist under belly, almost orange.
Upper body was dark grey and tail even darker.

See photograph (with a 10 power lens it is quite good for identification)

7. Description of voice, if heard: None
8. Description of behavior: Flycatcher-like. It was quite warm
9. Habitat - general: and he was catching insects near the
specific: roof of our house and in the front yard.

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:

11. Distance (how measured)? 75 feet 12. Optical equipment: 8x32 Binoculars
400 mm camera lens 400 mm camera lens

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

all positions

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

Have seen them out west

15. Other observers: None

16. Did the others agree with your identification?

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: None

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

Field guide - they just confirmed what I saw

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

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