

What species? SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER How many? 1Location? FARM YARDType of habitat? OPEN WITH FARM BUILDINGS AND A FEW TREESWhen? date(s): 29 AND 30 JUNE 1989 time: 8:50 AM 9:05 AM
1:55 PM to 2:20 PMWho? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW KNOLL, RR#6, IOWA CITYothers with you: (29TH) CAL + BERNIE KNIGHT (30TH) JIM SCHEIBothers before or after you: MOB

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

THE GENERAL SIZE, EXCLUDING TAIL LENGTH WAS THAT OF A KINGBIRD (W. OR E.) AS WAS GENERAL SHAPE. HEAD, BACK, AND THROAT AND UPPER BREAST WERE RATHER UNIFORM GRAY-WHITE IN COLOR. EYE WAS DARK, AND THERE WAS A STREAKING (NOT A DEFINITE LINE) FROM BILL TO EYE. BILL WAS THICK, DARK, AND UPPER MANDIBLE APPEARED TO HAVE A SLIGHT DOWNWARD HOOK AT THE END. WINGS WERE DARKER ON SITTING BIRD, AND THERE WAS A RATHER BRILLIANT ORANGISH AREA, JUST ABOVE THE WING. THERE WAS ALSO A MORE DIFFUSE ORANGISH WASH ALL ALONG THE UNDERWING AND THE LOWER BREAST AND VENT AREA. TAIL WAS LONGER THAN THE REST OF THE BODY BY ABOUT 20%. IT WAS ~~JOINTED~~ DIVIDED INTO TWO PORTIONS, EACH OF WHICH WAS JOINTED. THE TAIL PORTIONS WERE BLACKISH IN THE MIDDLE + HAD SOME WHITISH OUTER FEATHERS. ENDS OF TAIL PORTIONS WERE ROUNDED. LEGS WERE DARK. BIRD WAS ACTUALLY FEEDING ON FLYING INSECTS DURING THE AFTERNOON VISIT AND THE TAIL WOULD V OUT DURING SOME OF THIS ACTIVITY. IT ALSO CHASED THE HOUSE SPARROWS AND GAVE A CHATTERING OR CACKLING TYPE NOISE THEN. WHEN BIRD FLEW IT HAD BRILLIANT RED AXILLARY AREAS.

Similar species and how eliminated: FORK TAILED FLYCATCHERHAS DARK CAP AND NO RED OR ORANGE AREASDid any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

BOTH DAYS SUNNY - VIEWED WITH 9X36 BINOCULARS FROM VARIOUS ANGLES AND DISTANCES FROM 25 FEET TO 300 FEET.Previous experience with species and similar ones: SEEN SEVERAL TIMESReferences and persons consulted before writing description: NONEHow long before field notes made? IMMEDIATE this form completed? 20 HOURS

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