

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species: scissor-tailed Flycatcher 2. Number: 1
3. Location: t92-R39 Section 7 Cherokee County, or 3½ miles
north east of Cherokee.
4. Date: Oct. 27, 84 5. Time seen: 1615 to 1630
6. Description of size, shape, and color: Shrike sized, long tail,
light gray, dark gray wings. When the bird would fly
up, the red wash was plainly visible on the sides.
The tail length indicated this to be an mature bird.
7. Voice, if heard: None.
8. Behavior: Would fly up off of a highline wire as if catching
insects, and would alight back in the same place.
9. Habitat: Mixed pasture, brushy fence lines, and open timber.
10. Similar species: Shrikes, Mockingbirds
11. Distance viewed at: 10 meters. Optical equipment: 7x35
binoculars 13. Light: bright, sun was at observers back.
14. Previous experience with this species and similar species:
None with this species. very familiar with Loggerheaded
and Northern Shrikes. also have seen many mockingbirds
on trips to the southwestern and eastern U.S.
15. Other observers: Ruth Bierman Bierman (wife)
16. Did others agree: Yes 17. Other independent observers:
None
18. Books and advice consulted: Birds of North America, Chandler Robbins.
19. How long after seeing this bird did I write this description:
2 hours

Signature: Vernon Bierman Address 322½ Fountain St

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