

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Scissor-tailed Flycatcher How many? 1Location? Gravel Rd East Side of Little Swan Lake Wildlife Area N of Superior, IA.Type of habitat? Roadside between wildlife habitat area + pick crop fieldWhen? date(s): 10-16-95 time: 11:15 AM to 11:20 AMWho? your name and address: Robert R Benedictothers with you: Dan Lempiainenothers before or after you: Ed Thelen

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.

Aproximately 12" including tail. Slender. Light to medium gray above, paler below. Long dark tail, folded at rest, V-shaped in flight. Did not have binoculars to make more detailed observation. We turned around in a driveway to go back for a second look and confirm that we had actually seen what we thought we had.

Similar species and how eliminated: No other species in our area is of similar shape, color, and size.Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

Sunny + Clear 50 ft Naked Eye bird was sitting on fence, flew to high wire and then to corn stalk in field

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I lived in south Texas for 2 months and observed the species there several timesReferences and persons consulted before writing description: NoneHow long before field notes made? _____ this form completed? 1 month/1 weekMAIL TO: T. H. Kent, Field Reports Editor, 211 Richards Street, Iowa City IA 52240