

What species? SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER How many? 1Location? SECTION 8 - DES MOINES TOWNSHIP - VAN BUREN COUNTYType of habitat? OPEN GRASSY FIELD ALONG GRAVEL ROADWhen? date(s): 14 MAY 1990 time: 7:10 PM to 7:15 PMWho? your name and address: Jim Fuller, 6 Longview Knoll, Iowa City, S2240

others with you: _____

others before or after you: _____

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 BIRD WAS SITTING ON A FENCE WIRE FIVE FEET OFF GROUND WITHIN 8-10 FEET OF AN EASTERN KINGBIRD. EXCEPT FOR THE TAIL, IT LOOKED MUCH LIKE THE KINGBIRD. IT HAD LIGHT GRAY HEAD, BACK AND LIGHTER BREAST. EYE AND RELATIVELY SHORT BILL WERE DARK. THERE WAS A PINK-ORANGE WASH ON BELLY BENEATH THE WINGS. THE TAIL WAS A TIME AND A HALF LONGER THAN THE BODY AND WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO PORTIONS. WING, RUMP AND TAIL WERE DARK WITH SOME LIGHT FEATHER EDGINGS. WHEN THE BIRD FLEW WHILE FEEDING, THE WING LININGS WERE A PINKISH-RED COLOR AND THE TWO PART TAIL WAS SOMETIMES QUITE VEED, AND HAD ROUNDED ENDS TO EACH PART. I WATCHED IT SITTING AND FLYCATCHING FOR ABOUT 5 MINUTES UNTIL IT FINALLY FLEW 200 YARDS OR SO AWAY

Similar species and how eliminated: EASTERN KINGBIRD DOES NOT HAVE LONG 2 PART TAIL NOR ANY REDDISH OR PINKISH MARKINGS AND DOES HAVE A BLACK CAP THIS BIRD LACKED. FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER ALSO HAS BLACK HEAD, BUT NO PINKISH MARKINGS

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

SUNNY EVENING. VIEWED WITH SWIFT ARDUBON BINOCULARS (8.5X44) AT 25-100 FEET LOOKING SEVERAL DIRECTIONS - FIRST NORTH THEN NORTHEAST, LATER SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

SEEN A NUMBER OF TIMES ELSEWHERE (SW U.S.) AND THREE TIMES IN IOWA

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATE this form completed? 25 HOURS

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