

Notes on Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

from conversation with Mike Mahn, Wildlife Biologist, Blackhawk Wildl. Unit, Lake View, Iowa on 26 June 1986

bird was seen on 20 June 1986 2 miles north of Tomahawk Marsh in Sac Co.

Tomahawk Marsh is 4 miles north of Lake View on county road M88 so the bird was about 6 miles north of Lake View

bird was seen perched along the road, then flew and Mike immediately saw the extremely long tail feathers (he thought bird was dragging some nest material). It landed and he recognized it as flycatcher in shape (upright, big head) and was able to approach to about 15 feet from bird before it finally flew. While the bird was sitting, he could see that one of the tail feathers was much longer than the other. When the bird flew, he saw pinkish red color on undersides.

from notes written by Dinsmore while he talked to Mahn on phone on 26 June 1986

Also - had 2 Crows booby brood at Kiowa Marsh this year