

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

Species Western Kingbird
 Location Highway 30 in Greene Co. near Grand Junction
 Habitat highway right of way - cropland
 Date(s) 5/15/89 Time _____ to _____
 Name and Address Jim Sinclair, 810 North B St., Indianola, Ia 50125
 Other observers Ann Johnson, Beth Brown, David Youngblat

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 behavior and voice.

Kingbird shape and behavior
 large head, yellow breast and belly, white
 throat - white outer tail feathers
 clearly visible

Similar species and how eliminated:

E. Kingbird - eliminated by yellow on breast
 and white outer tail feathers
 Did anyone disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical
 equipment: excellent lighting, 40 to 80 yds for distance
Switt Audubon 8.5 x 44

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

familiar with Western Kingbird
 References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? immediately. How long before this form

completed? 15 days