

What species? SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER How many? 1 ADULT

Location? WRIGHT RESIDENCE - JUST NORTH OF LOVILLA - MONROE CO.

Type of habitat? TREES & SHRUBS ALONG RR TRACKS - OTHERWISE OPEN

When? date(s): 4 OCTOBER, 1990 time: 3:05 to 3:20 PM

Who? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW KNOLL, IOWA CITY

others with you: JIM SCHEIB

others before or after you: MOB

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.

WITHOUT THE LENGTHY TAIL, THIS BIRD'S BODY WAS MUCH THE SIZE AND SHAPE OF AN EASTERN KINGBIRD. THE NAPE, BACK, AND THROAT WERE A LIGHT GREY COLOR, WHILE THE EYE AND RELATIVELY SHORT BILL WERE BLACK, AND THE LEGS WERE ALSO DARK. THE TAIL WAS LONG, ALMOST $1\frac{1}{2}$ TIMES THE LENGTH OF THE BODY. IT APPEARED TO BE LOBED. SEVERAL TIMES, WHEN THE BIRD FLEW, THE TAIL SHOWED TWO PORTIONS, WHICH FORMED A "U". THE WING WAS DARK AND CONTRASTED WITH THE GRAY. AT REST, THERE WAS A UNIQUE ORANGE-PINK COLOR ON BELLY BENEATH THE WINGS. WHEN THE BIRD FLEW, THE AXILLARY AREAS EXHIBITED A BRIGHT RED COLOR. ANOTHER FEATURE (WHICH I HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE) WAS THE ORANGE-PINK COLOR EXTENDING TO THE VENT AREA. THE BIRD MADE A CONTINUOUS "CHEEP" NOISE FOR SEVERAL MINUTES. THIS CALL WAS LOUD ENOUGH TO BE HEARD FROM 100 YARDS AWAY.

Similar species and how eliminated:

FORK TAILED FLYCATCHER IS GENERALLY DARKER BIRD WITH BLACK HEAD AND HAS NO RED OR ORANGE-PINK COLOR.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

30 TO 100 FEET - SEEN WITH 8.5X44 SWIFT AUDUBON BINOCULARS PARTLY CLOUDY WEATHER - MID AFTERNOON. LOOKING EAST AND SOUTHEAST

Previous experience with species and similar ones: HAVE SEEN IN IOWA 3 OTHER TIMES AND SEEN IN SOUTH (OKLAHOMA, TEXAS, AND KANSAS)

References and persons consulted before writing description:

NONE

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATE this form completed? 5 HOURS

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