

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Scissor-Tailed Flycatcher How many? 1Location? NE of Raymond Ia.Type of habitat? typical farm - buildings, corn beans soy fieldsWhen? date(s): 6-9-87 time: 9:25 am to 9:50 amWho? your name and address: Thomas J. Standt 517 Dearborn Iowa Cityothers 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.

Cuckoo sized bird with very long outer tail feathers. black bill, eye. light gray-white head, breast, and underparts. back somewhat darker near folded wings wing upper surface black. rump and tail black. The outer tail feathers were longer than the bird, white and black, white on the outer edge with black tips.

Underwing pink w/ rose axillaries - The rose was visible around the shoulder of the bird when perched.

Flight was cuckoo like.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? —

If yes, explain:

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

overcast 30 - 100 ft est. 8x

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? during observation this form completed? same day

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