

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER How many? 1Location? 2 MILES E. RAYMOND (BLACKHAWK CO)Type of habitat? AGRICULTURAL - OPEN COUNTRYWhen? date(s): 15 JUNE, 1987 2:30 PM 2:35 PM + 3:00 - 3:10 PM  
11 JUNE, 1987 time: 3:05 PM to 3:30 PMWho? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW KNOLL, JOWA CITY, IOWA, 52240others with you: TOM SCHULEINothers before or after you: C+J FULLER, KNIGHTS, F. MOORE

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 MOST NOTABLE FEATURE OF THE BIRD WAS THE EXTREMELY LONG TAIL IN 2 PORTIONS (APPROX 1 1/2 X BODY LENGTH). THE GENERAL SIZE + SHAPE WAS OF AN EASTERN KINGBIRD (EXCLUDING TAIL), ALTHOUGH THIS BIRD SEEMED A LITTLE SLIMMER BODIED. OTHER VERY NOTABLE FEATURES WERE THE ORANGE-PINK ALONG BELLY UNDER WINGS + TAIL AND THE PINK UNDER WINGS AND RED AXILLARY AREA WHEN FLYING. HEAD + BACK WERE LIGHT GRAY + UPPER BREAST ALMOST WHITE. BILL, EYE, AND LEGS WERE BLACK. UPPER MANDIBLE HAD A DECURVED UPPER EDGE WHILE LOWER MANDIBLE WAS STRAIGHT. THE LONG TAIL WAS LABELED AND HAD WHITE OUTER FEATHERS, WHILE THE REMAINDER WAS DARK. WHILE SITTING, WING WAS DARK, BUT AT TIMES A REDDISH AREA COULD BE SEEN AT ITS ANTERIOR MARGIN. WHEN FLYING, SOMETIMES THE TAIL PORTIONS WERE WIDELY SPREAD APART + OTHER TIMES WERE CLOSE TOGETHER. VOICE WAS HEARD ONCE AS A SERIES OF SINGLE NOTE CLUCKS ~ WHEN IN THE PRESENCE OF HOUSE SPARROWS.

Similar species and how eliminated: ALSO SEEN 27 JUNE AND TWICE ON 3 JULY. ONLY NEW INFORMATION WAS SEVERAL CALL NOTES WHICH SOUNDED MUCH LIKE A ROBIN'S ALARM CALL, ONLY THEY WERE QUIETER + LESS HARSH.Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

20-150 FEET 9 X 36 BINOCULARSPARTLY SUNNY + SUNNY - GOOD LIGHTING

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

SEEN IN KANSAS + OKLAHOMAReferences and persons consulted before writing description: PETERSON GUIDEHow long before field notes made? IMMEDIATE this form completed? 5 HOURS - REDONE AFTER 2ND OBSERVATION

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