

Rare Bird Report

Species- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (Tyrannus Forficatus)

Location- North of Lovilia on Hwy 5. Monroe Co. Iowa

Observers- Tim Schantz, Evelyn Wright

Date- 9-24-90

Equipment- Ziess 10x40B

Description- light gray head and breast, back dark with light feather edges, tail one and a half times as long as body with white outer feathers. Underwing Salmon pink, undertail coverts, orange/pink.

Discussion- Gladys Black called to inform me of possibly two of this species at the home of Evelyn Wright. Evelyn claims there were two adults seen copulating on 8/3/90. On 9/23/90 she said there was one shorter-tailed bird seen. I was only able to see one adult bird, however, this adult had a noticeable crease in the plumage covering the breast and belly. I feel this was the remains of a brood patch. Any identifiable photos I will sent to the records committee.

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