

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Scissor-tailed Flycatcher How many? 1

Location? 1 mi. n. of Crawfordsville

Type of Habitat? farmland Willard L. Sands

When? date(s): 29 June 1989 time: 4:10 to 4:50 p.m.

Who? your name and address: ^{TH Kent}
211 Richards St, Iowa City, IA 52246

Others with you: _____

Others before or after you: Jim Fuller

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Body about size of kingbird, but tail as long as body. Gray head and underparts with dark line through eye. Pink sides. Red axillaries. Darker wings.

Long deeply forked tail. Noisy. On wire and in trees. Catching insects on the fly. Photos at close range.

Similar species; how eliminated: None similar

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? no
If yes, explain:

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

Bright sun at various angles. As close as 20 ft. 10x binocs & 400 mm lens.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: have seen many

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? 16 hrs this form completed? 16 hrs

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).