

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Western Kingbird How many? 1Location? East of Steamboat Rock in Hardin CountyType of habitat? Overgrown pasture areaWhen? date(s): May 11, 1990 time: 9:45 a.m. to 9:46 a.m.Who? your name and address: Mark Proescholdt, Box 65, Liscomb, Iowa 50148others with you: Noneothers before or after you: None

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.

I was driving along the road when I saw this bird perched on the upper strand of a barbed wire fence. I stopped and pulled off on a nearby gravel road. This bird was the size of an Eastern Kingbird. It had a gray head and throat, a yellow belly, and a black tail with white along the tail edges. It would fly out across the pasture and then return to the barbed wire repeatedly.

Similar species and how eliminated: Cassin's Kingbird does not have white along the tail edges.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

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

Sunny with sun behind me, 10 yards from roadside and 25 yards from the gravel road, excellent looks, 8x30 Binoes.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have seen many Western Kingbirds and some Cassin's Kingbirds.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Peterson's Field Guide to Birds, Robbins' Birds of N. America, Net'l. Geographic guide.

How long before field notes made? Right Away this form completed? May 30, 1990

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