

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? SCISSOR TAILED FLY CATCHER How many? 1
 Location? 2 MI. N. OF PROMISE CITY IA (WAYNE CO.)
 Type of habitat? ^{GRAZED} OLD PASTURE INTERSPERSED WITH SCRUB BRUSH
 When? date(s): MAY 2 1984 time: 8:30 AM to 8:45 AM
 Who? your name and address: BOB JACKSON R.R. 1 PROMISE CITY
 others with you: NONE
 others 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.

MOST OUTSTANDING FEATURE WAS THE FORKED TAIL - ABOUT THE SAME LENGTH AS THE BODY.

LIGHT RUSTY TINGE ON THE UNDER SIDE.

- REST OF BODY WAS BASICALLY CREAM COLOR.

- SETTING IN PLUM BUSH ABOUT 4' OFF THE GROUND

Similar species and how eliminated:

NOTHING CLOSE TO IT

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

SUNNY MORNING - VIEWED FROM 20-30' AWAY - WATCHED ACROSS OPEN GROUND FROM PICKUP WINDOW

Previous experience with species and similar ones: B.S. DEGREE FROM I.S.U. IN F.W. BIOLOGY WITH ORNITHOLOGY CLASS EXP. AT IOWA STATE.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

BILL JACKSON (NOTED BIRDWATCHER) - JIM DIASMORE - I.S.U.

How long before field notes made? 2 DAYS this form completed? 5-22-84

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