

Observation of Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (one male)

Date: 24 April 1982 ca 10.30 - 10.35 am.
(Not present 1 May)

Place: just north of Wamboucie State Park

Habitat On telephone wire north of edge of woods.
Extremely windy conditions (south wind) prior
few days probably caused bird to choose this spot to
shelter from wind.

Identification Based on:

- (1) extremely long tail
- (2) grayish upperparts
- (3) pinkish red flanks and pale belly and breast.
- (4) one sorry after insects noted - typical flycatcher behavior.

Previous Experience I have seen many of these birds in
eastern Kansas, where they are common.
My first Iowa record, however.

Other Observers Bob Myers + Francis Moore were with me.
Bob photographed the bird, but I have
not seen any pictures.

Optical 10x50 binoculars at 100 yds; also 25x Bauscope Jr
telescope. Light excellent, partly cloudy day.

Field notes made evening of sighting. This copy written
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