

Say's Phoebe  
17 Dec 1994  
Appanoose Co., IA  
\*R. Cummins  
IBL 65:42, 50, 82

Record Number: 94-51  
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

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REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 65:42, 50  
Records Committee: IBL 65:82

VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D, Good description with enough characters seen well to clinch ID.

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF  
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

94-51

Species: Say's Phoebe-----Number: 1-----

Location: L & S quarry buildings, Appanoose Co.-----

Observer: Ray Cummins 609 S. Main Street Centerville, IA.-----

Others before/with/after: Kay Malmberg, Katherine, & Charles White-----

Date: 12/17/94 Time Bird Seen: 11:00AM to 11:35AM

Habitant & circumstances: Open country with and scattered groups of trees.

Description: The bird was flying up and down the sides of the building and coming back to the same perch, flycatcherlike active. The bird had a gray-buffy breast turning to light orange rust on the lower flanks, belly, and undertail coverts. The beak was all black flycatcherlike with a hooked end to the upper mandible. The bird had small black whiskers at the base of the bill. The eyes were black with a sideways diamondlike black eyeline. The back and wing was gray with indistinct whitish primary and secondary wing coverts and tertial bars. The tail was darker than the back, pure black and very weakly forked. The bird was smaller than a Robin about the size of a bluebird.

Description of voice: N/H.

Similarly appearing species: none

Distance (how measured): 20yds

Optical equipment: Kowa 20x to 60x Spotting Scope.

Light: sunny excellent light.

Previous experience with species: Have seen several in the western U.S.

Anyone have reservations?: no.

Books and references: none

Time of field notes: during sighting Final typing: 20 days

Signature: Raymond L. Cummins Address: 609 S. Main St.

Date: 01-14-94

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