

IOWA BREEDING BIRD ATLAS DOCUMENTATION FORM

What species? Alder Flycatcher How many? 1Location: County Allamakee Block 28Location in detail 1.5 mi. S. of Dorchester on east side
of Hwy. # 76Habitat? Brushy, marshy area west of creek - cattails, willows, & dogwoodWhen? date? 6-4-87 Time: 10:30 AM to 10:40 AMObserver? Name: Bruce Ehresman | Beverly ClarkAddress: R4, Boone 50036 | RR, Dorchester 52140Telephone: (515) 432-8186 | (319) 497-3487

Description of bird(s): include size, shape, detailed description of all parts including bill, eye, head, neck, back, wings, tail, throat, breast, belly, undertail, legs, feet; also voice and behavior. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Saw and heard the bird calling from a powerline next to road. Small sparrow sized bird with 2 light colored wingbars. Noticed yellowish rump and cream-colored breast. Upperparts brownish with some olive green coloration in shoulder area. Longish brown tail. Three syllable song with accent on 2nd syllable is what really helped identify the bird. Also, we noticed the bird often tipped its head back when singing.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Willow Flycatcher has different 2 syllable song.

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Did anyone have reservations about identification? If so, explain:

No

Viewing conditions: lighting, distance and how measured, optical equipment used. Side lighting from sun gave good viewing. Estimated distance was 80 to 100 feet. Used 8x40 binoculars.

Previous experience with this species and other similar ones:

Have seen willow flycatcher before.

BREEDING BEHAVIOR: Give all details observed that indicate that the species breeds on the block. If nest, eggs, young, or courtship display were observed, describe in detail.

The bird sang for several minutes from a powerline about 30 feet from ground. It then flew down into brushy area adjoining cattail marsh which could have been potential nesting area.

If books or other birders were consulted before writing up the documentation, please list them here:

After initial sighting consulted Peterson Field Guide which helped us identify the flycatcher to species by song.

How long after observation were field notes made?

Immediately

How long after observation was this form completed?

3 days