

SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES AND/OR SPECIES IN HIGH NUMBERS

Parkname Nottingham Date 9/8/90

Observer writing this account and date William Barber 9/13/90

SPECIES western kingbird NUMBER, AGE, SEX 1 adult, age & sex unknown

Distance from bird(s) 40' Relative size of bird similar to eastern k. & gr. cr. fly.

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.) entire head uniform pale gray; no distinguishing lines, malar or crown stripes

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.) no distinguishable eye-ring, supercilium or eye stripe; eyes black or dark colored

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES upper and lower flycatcher-like with tip of upper in slight down curve

LEGS & FEET legs dark, undistinguished

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.) nape, back, rump, etc. uniform pale gray; olive tinge on back noted in some guides not distinguished

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.) throat and breast pale gray; belly and undertail coverts yellow

RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.) inner and middle tail feathers jet black; outer edges of tail were white; narrow white stripe could be seen on entire length of outer edges while bird was at rest and in flight; tip of tail was black and had little or no fork especially when flaired  
WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges, etc.) all parts uniform dark gray or black with no distinguishing characteristics

VOCALIZATION NONE

BEHAVIOR very active; frequently darted from low branches to the ground and into the air, apparently feeding on flying insects; behavior very similar to eastern kingbirds observed in the Park

Date of observation 9/8/90 Time 1130 AM Weather windy, 70-75° Sky cover scattered clouds, mostly sunny

Duration of observation 10 min. Bird - Sun orientation bird was front-lit

Exact location Park survey area 1A at edge of sparse mixed stand of pines and deciduous near designated camping area above McPherson Lake parking lot

Habitat mixed sparse trees and tall grass with some mowed areas Other observers NONE

Optical equipment Swift Audubon Mark II 8.5x44

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS bird was very similar to great crested flycatcher except for lack of cinnamon on wings and the jet black tail with white edges; its location on low branches at edge of small grove and frequent flights into open areas made for very good viewing

AN ACCOMPANYING SKETCH OR PHOTOGRAPH CAN BE AN EXCELLENT FURTHER DOCUMENTATION

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Voting Tabulation - Round # of

Species: **Western Kingbird**

Date of Sighting: **September 8, 1990**

Observer(s): **William Barber**

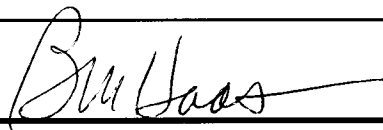
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