

557-01-1992

Meadville, Pa.

Nov. 27, 1992

Hi,

I regret being so long in getting this kind written up.

The photo - not the best in the world at least shows the tail well. The developer made the reprints come out too brown, the slide was much bluer.

Tufted Deer still at Lym.

Yours,

Ron Lidenman

A WESTERN KINGBIRD RECORDED 557-01-1992  
FOR ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

While replacing a mistnet at our bird banding station on Presque Isle State Park, Erie, Pa. on Sept. 26, 1992 I noticed a pair of birds caught in a net placed along the bay nearby. Once I had replaced the old net I then removed the two birds, one a Song Sparrow was already banded but the other was a strange looking Kingbird. Back at our headquarters it was positively identified as a Western Kingbird, a new species for us at Presque Isle. The bird was about 9 inches long, with wings 87.5 mm, the head, back, wings, and tail a dark blue indicating it to be an adult female. It had a white throat and a deep lemon yellow breast. Its tail was outlined by two all white feathers on both sides from base to tip. The tail was straight across at the end, not notched as in other tropical Kingbirds. Thelma Patton my assistant at P.I. and a bander also, was able to photograph the bird. Both August and September produced a number of hurricanes from the South and East, the bird could have been pushed inland as a result. Hurricane "Dale" came through this area just a week before.

I could find no published records of the species from Western Pennsylvania although some records are known to exist. There are no records from Erie County, so this is a first.

Ron Lieberman  
Thelma Patton

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**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Tabulation - Round # 2 of 2**

Species: **Western Kingbird**

Date of Sighting: **26 September 1992** ~~26 Sept 1992~~

Observer(s): **Ron Leberman, Thelma Patton**

Date of Submission: **1992**

Submitted by: **Ron Leberman, Thelma Patton**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater	X						
B. Haas	X						
F. Haas	X						
R. Ickes	X						
G. McWilliams	X						
S. Santner	X						
J. Skinner	X						
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>						
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>X</b>						

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

*J. Haas*

Date:

*11/14/93*