

RARE SPECIES REPORT

557-01-1995

SPECIES: <u>Western Kingbird (Tyrannus verticalis)</u>		NUMBER SEEN: <u>one</u>
SIGHTING DATE: <u>15 July 1995, Sat.</u>		SIGHTING TIME: <u>6:51 AM to 7 AM</u>
LOCATION:	COUNTY & STATE: <u>Lancaster, PA (Lancaster Co. only)</u> DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN: <u>Middlecreek W.M.A, Stop #3</u> DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE:	
HABITAT: <u>Very large field (300+ acres) 1/3 was mowed</u>		
SIGHTING CONDITIONS:	LIGHTING: <u>Hazy but Sunny</u> DISTANCE: <u>200 yards to 35 yards</u> EQUIP. USED: <u>10x50 swifts and 15x45 Spacemaster</u> LENGTH OF SIGHTING: <u>9 min.</u>	
DESCRIPTION:	VOICE: <u>not heard</u> SIZE: <u>apx. 8"</u> PLUMAGE: <u>The head, back, and breast were grey. The throat was white. The wings were grey/brown with two slight wing bars. The lower breast to the undertail coverts were pale yellow. The black tail had white outer tail feathers. No brown in the tail when it was spread for preening. No notch at the end of the tail.</u> ANATOMY (Bill length, leg color, etc.): <u>Dark eye, dark brown legs. The bill was all black, no trace of a pale base. Medium bill, similar to Eastern Kingbird.</u> BEHAVIOR: <u>I first spotted this bird flying about 5 feet off the ground coming in my direction at 200 yards to 35 yards. It perched on a wire along the road and started preening. The flight was direct.</u>	
FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: <u>I have seen hundreds of Western Kingbirds in Arizona in May 1995. My most recent sightings were apx. 20</u>		
COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: <u>When this bird spread its tail to preen it was black with a white outer tail. The local Great Crested Flycatcher has a yellow belly, but the tail is brown w/ reddish brown inner webs. Ash-throated would have a similar tail. This is the only Tyrannus flycatcher with a black tail and white outer tail feathers and a yellow belly.</u>		
HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? <u>no</u> IF SO, BY WHO?		
Have any additional observers filled out a rare species report? If so, who?		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use back of form for more space): <u>The only reason I observed the bird was some bird activity, but by 10 AM there was almost no bird activity. Saturday evening there was heavy thunder storms with 40 mph winds. The bird was not relocated. For ten minute is I felt certain what I was looking at. It was still perched when I left to make phone calls. It was 120°F at 6:30 AM. When the first people showed up at 7:30 AM it was 90°F. There</u>		
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Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **Western Kingbird (Tyrannus verticalis)**

Date of Sighting: **15 July 1995 to 15 July 1995**

Location: **MIDDLE CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

County: **LANCASTER**

Observer(s): **Randy Miller**

Date of Submission: **1995**

Submitted by: **Randy Miller**

Written Description: **YES** Photo: **NO** Specimen: **NO**

Recording: **NONE**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas			X					
N. Pulcinella			X					
E. Kwater			X					
R. Ickes			X					
G. McWilliams			X					
P. Schwalbe			X					
S. Feldstein			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F. C. Haas

Date:

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