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Sorry, I thought I got some of this out, but must not have:

Rare and/or Unusual Bird Sighting Documentation Guide

SPECIES: Western Kingbird DATE SIGHTED: October 18, 1998

SIZE, SHAPE, and PLUMAGE DESCRIPTION:

The bird was about the same size as Eastern Kingbird. The plumage was grayish breast and head, lighter on breast than on the head; fading into yellow on the flanks and belly. The back and wings were dark olive brown - almost blackish with a squared dark (blackish) tail that had white outer tail feathers. The head had a 'flattish' appearance

BEHAVIOR:

The bird was seen about 8:30 am in a pasture field hedgerow with its back toward me. I snapped a picture and the bird dropped low and out of my sight. At about 1:30 I relocated the bird about 1/2 mile south of its first location on the wires. The bird's belly and breast was seen and then the bird flew west over the hill.

NUMBER, SEX, AGE:

1 adult.

LOCATION:

Pastureland southeast of Rimersburg, Pin Oak Trail, near Lawsonham, Clarion County, Pa

CONDITIONS, TIME, WEATHER, OPTICS, EXPERIENCE:

In the morning it was mostly sunny, but by afternoon it was mostly cloudy. About 48 degrees F in the morning and around 65 degrees F in the afternoon. The bird was observed through Leica 8 X 42 binoculars. I took one quick picture of the back of the bird. It was the first exposure and the film was not advanced enough for the bird to be seen. I have experience with Western Kingbirds, including the one in Bucks County this year. On a trip out west this summer, I did have Western Kingbirds so I have a basis for comparison.

ANY OTHER OBSERVERS?

Not really. Mr. Mortimer who owns the property may have seen the bird the week before in his spruce trees by the road. He did identify a photograph in the Western Stokes Field Guide to the Birds.

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*)

Date of Sighting: 18 October 1998 to 18 October 1998

Location: LAWSONHAM

County: CLARION

Observer(s): John Fedak

Date of Submission: 1998

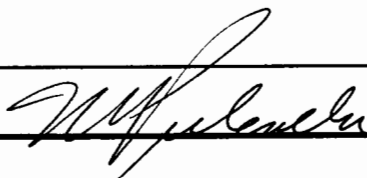
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WRITTEN DESCRIPTION YES PHOTO NO SPECIMEN NO RECORDING NO

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P. Rodewald			X					
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DECISION			X					

Comments:

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