

Montgomery Co

4th Quarter
1999

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Western Kingbird

Nov 8 1999

Dear Kevin,

You'll get two reports on this accidental bird - one by Bill Murphy who we called to verify our identification on the Sat. Nov. 6 1999. Bill suggested that I write our account and give credit to the first person to actually find & identify the Western Kingbird.

I'm Jo Ann Raine (member ABA and Wynote Audubon) and I organize the Sat. birding walks at the Pannypack Environmental Restoration Trust property at Edgemoor Road Huntingdon Valley, Montgomery Co. We were returning to the Center at 10:30 AM when we checked a 1 acre plot of 12-15' small trees and heavy under story for sparrows. There were 4 persons present and the young birder Glenn Seeholzer (14 years) recognized that an unusual bird was on a small sapling at about 8'. The bird stayed about 10 min and tolerated 12 foot approach. Glenn declared

it a western Kingbird. We all knew - it was a Kingbird and used the 'Hate' Geo. bird ident. book to compare pictures of Kingbirds. We agree that the bird was perched very upright, darker gray head and upper back - paler gray face and neck - chest (no white throat) with a shadow dark line through the eye area. Caddy tiny whiskers were around the black bill. Lower back wings and tail were dark gray with the outer tail feathers white. Very evident as he flew - white outer tail feathers. The bill was black and thin and over all the bird was 7-8" in length. We observed a fly catching swoop and return to the sapling.

We arrived home and I called Martin Setzler of Wynote Audubon and he brought Bill Murphy and Bert Fybmeyer who also saw the Western Kingbird well and agree that it should be listed as an unusual visitor to Huntington Valley.

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It would please a 14 year old avid
birder (Glenn) to be mentioned
as the person who identified our
"best" bird. If I can supply
any other info, my telephone
is 215 659 3921.

Bill Murphy is placing the bid
on the Phila Hot line and will
notify ABA records.

Sincerely,

Joann Raine



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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Ballot - Round One

Species: Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*)

Date of Sighting: 6 November 1999 to 6 November 1999

Location: HUNTINGDON VALLEY

County: MONTGOMERY

Observer(s): Joann Raine

Date of Submission: 1999

Submitted by: Joann Raine

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Recording: No			Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
G. Armistead			X					
D. Couchman			X					
P. Hess					X			
R. Ickes			X					
B. Reid			X					
P. Rodewald			X					
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS			6		1			
DECISION			X					

Comments:

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Signature (Secretary):

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Date:

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