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Documentation for Western Kingbird - Centre County, Pa. -
Oct. 8, 2000

Submitted by Greg Grove

Species : Western Kingbird - Tyrannus verticalis

Location: Egg Hill Road, Potter Township, Centre County
approx. 10 miles east of State College

Date/Time: October 8, 2000 ; approx. 9:00 a.m. EDT

Observation period: About 20 minutes

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Distance: 15-30 yards

Weather: partly to mostly cloudy, moderate wind, cold (40-50 F)

Optics : Swarovski EL binocs - 10 x 42

Behavior: Associated with Bluebirds; was seen "hawking", and
hovering on beating wings over grassy field about
5-15 feet above ground

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Description of Bird

Light gray head and upper back; no strong contrasting patterns in plumage on head, neck, throat area

Bill was medium length, dark

Belly - bright (not intense) yellow - much more obvious and widespread than yellow on fall phoebe by comparison

Wings - black

Tail - black with distinct white edging on outermost feathers

Size & Shape - larger than phoebe ; similar in size to Great Crested Flycatcher; noticeably larger than bluebirds with which it associated; body was rather slender (not chunky like meadowlark)

Distinction from similar species.

White outer tail feathers and smaller bill separate from Couch's/Tropical/Cassin's Kingbird

No rufous coloration in tail or wings as in Great Crested Flycatcher; upper body parts much lighter coloration than Great Crested.

Very light gray head and upper body distinguish from other flycatchers with yellow bellies

Previous experience : I have seen this species in Western U.S.. And have seen Couch's Kingbird in Texas.

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Tabulation Form - Round One

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Date of Sighting: 8 October 2000 to 8 October 2000

Location: POTTER TOWNSHIP

County: CENTRE

Observer(s): Greg Grove, Molly Heath, Deb Grove, David Kyler, John Salvetti

Date of Submission: 2001

Submitted by: Greg Grove

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

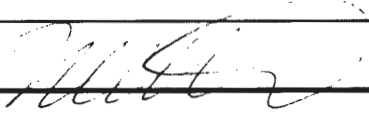
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
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G. Armistead			X					
D. Couchman				X				
P. Hess			X					
J. Stanley			X					
B. Reid			X					
^{R. Lebcumman} P. Rodewald			X					
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS			6	1				
DECISION			X					

Comments: 6/1

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 3/2/02