

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE
2469 Hammertown Road
Narvon, PA 17555

June, 10, 1996

Devich Farbotnik
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Revere, PA 18953

Dear Devich,

Thank you for submitting details on the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher you saw in Nockamixon Township, Bucks County on 23 May 1995 to P.O.R.C. After careful review, we regret that we are unable to accept this record. The committee felt that the documentation submitted was too brief to rule in a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher and does not adequately rule out the possibility of an immature Fork-tailed Flycatcher. This does not mean of course, that the bird was not a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, merely, that the details did not allow for a concrete determination.

We hope that this does not discourage you from submitting documentation on any rare birds you find in the future. Please be encouraged to send as much detail as possible.

Sincerely,

Nick Pulcinella
Chairman

Record # 561-01-1995

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Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

On May 23, 1995, at about 11:45, I was outside with my gym class at Palisades High School, in Nockamixon Township, Bucks County. The class was almost over when I saw a light colored bird flying toward me. The first thought that came to mind was that it was a Mockingbird. However, as it passed about 25 feet directly overhead I observed that it had no wing bars and that the tail was about twice the length of the body. The head was light colored. I was then sure that this was a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher which I have seen many times before in Texas with my Dad.

The bird flew to the edge of the field and landed on a branch about 200 feet away. It remained there for several minutes. Twice it flew out to catch insects and returned. At this point I could see the split tail. Then it flew out of sight and the bird was not seen again.

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Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*)

Date of Sighting: 23 May 1995 to 23 May 1995

Location: NOCKAMIXON TWP

County: BUCKS

Observer(s): Devich Farbotnik

Date of Submission: 1995

Submitted by: Devich Farbotnik

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			2	1		3	1	
DECISION						X		

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F. C. Haas

Date:

5-1-96