

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE
2469 Hammertown Road
Narvon, PA 17555

September 26, 1997

Jerome and Pierrette Honard
PO Box 642
Fairview, PA 16415

Dear Jerome and Pierrette,

Thank you for submitting documentation on the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher you saw in Fairview, Erie County on 8 July 1996 to P.O.R.C. After careful review, we regret that we are unable to accept this record. The committee was concerned that the description provided did not supply enough details of the bird's plumage to allow for a fair assessment of the record.

This of course, does not mean the bird was not a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, merely, that the record is not beyond reasonable doubt for acceptance

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 when submitting a report.

Sincerely,

Nick Pulcinella
Chairman

Record # 561-01-1996

ERIE

561-01-1996

Fairview, PA
July 14, 1996

PLEASE NOTE:

I, Jerome C. Honard would like to make it known that my wife Pierrette Honard and I observed the following bird:

DATE: 7/8/96

LOCATION: 6221 WEST RIDGE ROAD, FAIRVIEW, PA 16415

NEAR: CREAMLAND DRIVE-IN & NEAR KAHKWA CLUB

TIME: BETWEEN 7:30 & 8 P.M.

TYPE: SCISSOR OR SWALLOW TAILED FLYCATCHER

SEX: MALE

TOTAL LENGTH: 14"

TAIL: 10", BLACK, MARKED DIRTY GRAYISH

CROWN: PALE GRAY, DARK STRIPE OVER TOP OF CROWN

BILL: HOOKED

BODY: PALE GRAY FORWARD, DARKER TOWARD REAR

WING: PRIMARY DARK, FLANK BROWNISH

FLIGHT: SWALLOW LIKE, STOOPING, & RATHER STRAIGHT LINE

SONG: VERY LOUD, WHILE IN FLIGHT ONLY, FLYING 20 TO 30 YARDS

FOOD: INSECTS, NOTE: LARGE HATCH, HEXIGENIA LIMBATA FLY
FEEDS VERY ACTIVE NEAR SUNSET & LIGHT BREEZE.

COMMENTS: YOU WILL NEVER MISTAKE THIS BIRD IF HE CALLS YOU.
HE CANNOT BE MISTAKEN FOR ANY OTHER BIRD. WHAT A SIGHT
TO SEE AT SUNSET.

QUALIFICATIONS: BIRD BANDER FOR U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE IN WATERFOUL
SURVEY AT PRESQUE ISLE.

WOODCOCK STUDY AREA U.S. STEEL LAND, W. SPRINGFIELD

WOODCOCK SINGING BIRD COUNT & BANDING

GROUSE DRUMMING SPRING COUNT

TRAP & TRANSFER GAME COMMISSION

FISH CULTURIST PA. FISH COMMISSION

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LAW ENFORCEMENT PA. FISH COMMISSION

BIRD I. D. TEST PA.

I AM 66 YRS. OLD AND NATURE IS MY LIFE.

I HOPE WHOEVER READS THIS REPORT, WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE A

SCISSOR TAILED FLYCATCHER

SAME

SWALLOW TAILED FLYCATCHER

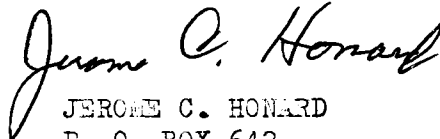
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MY REFERENCE: BIRDS OF AMERICA, PAGE: 190

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MAY THE WIND ALWAYS BE ON YOUR BACK.



JEROME C. HONARD
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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

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

Date of Sighting: 8 July 1996 to 8 July 1996

Location: FAIRVIEW

County: ERIE

Observer(s): Jerome & Pierrette Honard

Date of Submission: 1996

Submitted by: Jerome & Pierrette Honard

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			1	1	1		4	
DECISION							X	

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

J. C. Haas

Date:

8-16-97