

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania. Send documentation to:

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER TYRANNUS FORFICATUS
Subspecies (if known) _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) _____

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): ADULT PLUMAGE

DATE OF OBSERVATION 4/26/09 TIME 10:30-10:45 A.M.

LOCATION (city, borough, township) OVERFIELD TWP, WYOMING CO.

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) EDWARD RD APPROX. 0.1 MILE NORTH OF
INTERSECTION WITH S.R. 2010 DALTON RD. ON THE
EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD

OBSERVER REPORTING:

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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):
NONE

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) FENCED IN PASTURES

DISTANCE TO BIRD ±100 FT.

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) _____
MOSTLY CLEAR, SUN WAS HIGH & SLIGHTLY BEHIND ME TO THE LEFT, BUT IT
DIDN'T MATTER BECAUSE I WAS IN A CAR THE WHOLE TIME.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED PENTAX 8X42

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed – size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): WAS DRIVING SLOWLY PAST AN AREA GOOD FOR MEADOWLARKS, BOBOLINKS
& SWAMP SPARROWS. SAW THE BIRD ON A FENCE WIRE AND THOUGHT IT WAS
CURIOUS FOR A MOCKINGBIRD TO BE IN THIS HABITAT. IT WAS LICKING INSECTS
EVERY MINUTE OR SO, NEVER GOING MORE THAN 4 FT. ABOVE THE WIRE IT WAS
PERCHED ON, AND USUALLY LANDING IN THE SAME SPOT FACING THE SAME DIREC-
TION, TWICE IT FLEW UP AND LANDED FACING ME, BUT WHETHER IT DID THAT AS
A RESULT OF WHERE THE INSECT WAS, OR BECAUSE IT INTENDED TO FACE THE
OTHER DIRECTION I DON'T KNOW BUT SUSPECT THE FORMER BECAUSE THEN THE
SUN WOULD HAVE BEEN IN ITS EYES. EACH FLIGHT WAS VERY SHORT AND
EFFICIENT, MAKING USE OF ITS TAIL IN THE TIGHT TURNS.
(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) _____

I MESSED UP. SEE PREVIOUS.

VOCALIZATIONS

AS I WAS DRIVING SLOWLY DOWN THE ROAD, BEFORE EVEN SEEING THIS BIRD, I HEARD A ONE-NOTE GUTTERAL SOUND THAT MADE ME THINK OF ONE NOTE OF A MANGLROVE CUCKOO. IT COULD HAVE BEEN MADE BY THIS BIRD OR ELSE NOT. WHILE I WAS WATCHING THE BIRD IT MADE NO VOCALIZATIONS.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph _____ Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing _____

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition _____

If collected (by permit), location and number of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) ITS TAIL WAS BLACK & WHITE, AND ITS HEAD & UPPER PARTS WERE LIKE A LIGHT SILVER/GRAY, SO IT'S NOT A FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER

DISCUSSION – Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it

WHEN IT WAS FLYCATCHING IT LOOKED LIKE THE TAIL HAD FEATHERS MISSING NEAR THE TIP, LIKE A MDT-MDT BUT I STUDIED THIS WHEN THE BIRD WAS PERCHED AND DECIDED IT WAS AN ILLUSION BECAUSE THERE WAS MORE BLACK AT THE TIP AND MORE WHITE FURTHER UP, AND THE WHITE PART MUST NOT HAVE BEEN AS VISIBLE AS THE BLACK IN FLIGHT.

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES

IN KANSAS WATCHING THEM HUNT FROM UTILITY WIRES, BUT THEY MADE A LITTLE LONGER FLIGHTS THEN

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) YES, BECAUSE IT WAS CLOSE AND I HAD ALL THE TIME NECESSARY TO CHECK IT WITH THE FIELD GUIDE.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation NGS FIELD GUIDE

After observation AUDUBON FIELD GUIDE

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 5/1/09

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER W. Rataleo

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus forficatus*

Date of Sighting: 26 April 2009 to 26 April 2009

County : WYOMING

Location : OVERFIELD TWP

Observer(s): Mark Catalano

Date of Submission: 2009

Submitted by: Mark Catalano

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

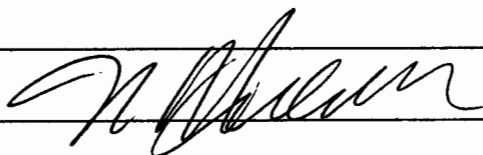
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut					X			
A. Guarente			X					
T. Johnson			X					
B. Coulter					X			
C. Rutt					X			
J. Heller					X			
G. Malosh				X				
TOTALS			2	1	4			
DECISION					X			

Comments: 2/5

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

9/30/09