

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2014-06-29 16:21:08
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 3 Parkside Dr. City: Hummelstown State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 17036 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Patricia Williams
Species (Common Name)	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Species (Scientific Name)	Tyrannus forficatus
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	an adult male
Observation Date and Time	06-25-2014 10:00 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S18905547
County	Juniata
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Near Van Wert
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	485 Flint Rd, Mifflintown, PA 17059
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.577884, -77.282732
Habitat	along fence row around pasture land with knee high grass
Distance to bird	100 yards or so. We were looking down from Flint Rd. over pasture to opposite fence row.
Viewing conditions	clear, mostly sunny with no haze of fog
Optical equipment used	spotting scope, Zeiss and Leica binoculars
Description	The bird had a light gray/white head and breast, dark wings and very long white and black tail. Peachy flanks and belly and pinkish underwings was

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

noticeable in flight.

It was flying and landing along a fence row hawking insects.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Only other long tailed flycatcher would be the Fork-tailed. This bird had white head, peachy flanks, and white and black tail all characteristic of Scissor-tailed.

Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

Our photo was submitted to eBird Rarities. Flickr link: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/56087986@N04/14503695041/>

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes.

During

None, sighting was obvious

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings



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