

Submission Date	2013-04-15 21:19:42
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 450 Amherst Avenue City: Moon Township State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 15108 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	At the time of my sighting: Ramsay Koury, Malcolm Harter, Jackie Harter.
Species (Common Name)	Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Species (Scientific Name)	Empidonax difficilis
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Unknown
Observation Date and Time	11-23-2012 12:50 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S12150829
County	Cumberland
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Carlisle
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	State Gamelands 230
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.276853,-77.180677
Habitat	Fragmented woodland, "edge" habitat. The are is planted with crops and managed as a gameland.
Distance to bird	35 feet
Viewing conditions	Cloudy but good light, no rain, no wind
Optical equipment used	Leica Ultravid 10x42 binocular, Canon 1D Mark IV + 500mm f/4 + teleconverters
Description	Since this report is being submitted well after the fact, rather than attempt to construct a description from memory, I let the submitted photos speak for themselves.

Bird was originally found by Ramsay Koury on 11/18, and was relocated by Ramsay and Tom Johnson in the morning on 11/23. I observed the bird in the early afternoon on 11/23.

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

It was well hidden deep within a strip of trees/brush a few hundred yards long and up to 30-50 yards deep. Occasionally it would appear on the edge quite close to those of us standing nearby and allowed very good views and photo opportunities.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Photos show a "Western" Flycatcher. Separated from Cordilleran by voice. We played the call of Pacific-slope Flycatcher briefly and the bird immediately popped out and responded with several calls and agitated behavior. At this time we were able to hear it clearly and it sounded very much like the high-pitched 'see-weep!' of Pacific-slope. Tom Johnson was able to secure a recording of the bird earlier in the day which can be found here: <https://soundcloud.com/#tomjohnson-4/pacific-slope-flycatcher>. I did not obtain any recording myself.

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

I admit to not being very familiar with the amount of variation in the contact calls of Pacific-slope and Cordilleran flycatchers. The recording by Johnson should carry the most weight in the evaluation of this record and I reference it here only because it is available on a public website. Tom Johnson should be contacted directly for any questions about the recording or its circumstances.

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

Yes for "Western" flycatcher. Will abide by committee's judgment of the sound recording.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings

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